

Convention Personalities

These men were among the many Mississippians on the convention program.



Robert Wall, Director of Church Relations, Mississippi College, Clinton.



J. W. Brister, supt. of missions, Gulf Coast.



Kermit King, director, Church Training, MBCB.



John E. Barnes, Jr., Main Street, Hattiesburg.



Levon Moore, First, Pontotoc.



Paul Nunnery, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson.



O. B. Beverly, Woodville.



John McCall, First, Vicksburg.



Hardy Denham, First, Newton.



Lucius Marion, Clarksdale.



James Richardson, First, Leland.



Beverly Tinnin, First, Meridian.

WMU Gives \$6,089 To Bangalore Hospital

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nurses' gowns, operating gowns, scrub suits, surgical masks and caps, lab coats, receiving blankets, aprons, medicine cups, etc.

When Mississippi women learned of the need at our new hospital, they gave—and gave! The result was that on October 5, 1973, Mississippi WMU sent \$6,089.00 to the Foreign Mission Board designated for helping equip our new hospital in Bangalore.

As Mississippi WMU began contacting doctors in Bangalore to secure information regarding needed items, lists of supplies needed were sent to us from Dr. Richard Hellinger. Along with the list of supplies, however, came the information that "customs regulations in India are quite stringent with 120% duty on all shipments over \$5.00." After further investigation of necessary papers and clearance for shipments from the United

States to India, it was agreed by the hospital doctors, the Foreign Mission Board, and by Mississippi WMU, that the most economical procedure would be to send the total amount of money to the Foreign Mission Board so that the doctors in Bangalore could purchase needed supplies and equipment directly, thereby eliminating as much of the shipment technicalities as possible.

What will this White Cross Offering be used for? The following reply is from Dr. John H. Wikman, medical doctor at the hospital and Treasurer of the India Baptist Mission.

"How thrilling to get your letter! We knew your WMU was planning a gift to the Bangalore Hospital, but had no idea it would be so much!

"Speaking on behalf of the India Mission and the Baptist Hospital, let me offer our sincerest thanks. Personally, it warms my heart to realize

the extent of your concern for the work here. This has been a real encouragement. Please express our gratitude to all the WMU ladies of Mississippi.

"We will apply the money carefully to the present furnishing and equipping needs of the hospital. We are still purchasing linen both for beds and curtains, and for staff uniforms (sarees); and will complete this large task with your gift. The money will also make it possible for us to purchase a portable respirator, electric skin dermatome, and electric cautery. We will also apply the money to the purchase of a portable X-ray machine which is needed.

"We would be very happy if you could visit Bangalore, the hospital, and the other work here. Again, we say thank you for your help and do pray for us."

White Cross sometimes means sup-

plying needs other than those of equipping new hospitals. In addition to the financial help given to the Bangalore hospital, Mississippi WMU also is sending ten 55-gallon drums filled with rolled bandages for use at the Baptist hospital in Ghana, West Africa.

Ladies of our state have willingly cut material to specified size and rolled the strips of cloth to make bandages needed by the hospital.

White Cross is one way of demonstrating the support and appreciation of Mississippi women for those who represent Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists around the world.

Why is it possible for Mississippi WMU to undertake such a project? The answer is quite simple—for when Mississippi women know of a need, they always respond out of hearts of overwhelming love and generosity.

"One World" When Baptist Youths Meet

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was held in Stockholm.

A year earlier (1948) a request from the Young People's Committee for a full-time youth secretary was granted by the BWA Executive Committee. Joel Sorenson of Sweden was named to the post and served from 1950 to 1955.

Sorenson was succeeded in 1955 by Robert S. Denny, who is now general secretary of the BWA. Under Denny's leadership, the youth committee broke precedent with a BWA tradition of holding world meetings only in Europe or the United States, the 4th

Baptist Youth World Conference was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1953.

Thirty years after the youth committee joined the BWA family, the 5th Baptist Youth World Conference was taken to North America and Toronto.

Cyril E. Bryant, editor of the Baptist World and director of publications for the BWA, wrote, "There were people from every continent. No race line, no color line, no language line was drawn in their fellowship—because all these young people found themselves 'One in Christ.'" Flags represented the 67 nations of 8,022 delegates registered for the Toronto event.

The same spirit of oneness that dominated the preceding conferences prevailed in the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference in 1963 at Beirut.

Denny wrote of that Middle East meeting, "No previous meeting has held as much attraction for travel. A variety of travel plans permitted delegates to visit the whole Bible Land area."

Another five years passed, and the Young People's Committee moved to Bern, Switzerland, for the 7th youth conference in a beautiful city

where the local population braced for an onslaught of young "hooligans."

Berne's fears were for naught. Under the theme, "One World, One Lord, One Witness," 6,000 Baptist young people from 59 nations shared ideas and "conquered the city" with their exemplary conduct, according to one observer.

This sharing of a common bond and witness of Jesus Christ is expected to continue in Portland when 10,000 young Baptists, seeking greater understanding of God's will for their lives and desiring to make a better world, assemble in mid-summer, 1974.

Mississippi Native Appointed To Two Year Mission Stint

ATLANTA, Ga. — Mississippi native, Perry Perkins of Greenwood, was among 41 Baptist young people appointed to the Home Mission Board's two year US-2 program.

Perkins, a graduate of Mississippi College, will spend the next two years in Chicago, Ill., where he will work with college students.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Perkins, Sr. of Greenwood, where Dr. Perkins is pastor of First Baptist Church.

The two year US-2 program has been likened to the Peace Corps. College or seminary graduates commit themselves to two years of mission service many times beginning new work in goodwill centers, local church programs, home Bible study fellowships, and in resort areas.

The 41 new appointees join a mission force in the United States that includes 940 students serving during the summer, and more than 2,200 career and associate missionaries supported by the Southern Baptist denomination.

First, Greenville. Plans TV Show—"Christmas In The Delta," Dec. 17, 25

By Bonita Sparrow

Members of First Church, Greenville, are prodding a sleeping giant. They're doing it deliberately by buying prime time on local television for religiously-oriented programming.

"Thanks Living," the television special produced last year by the church was repeated this Thanksgiving. Members are deeply involved in planning "Christmas In The Delta," which will be aired during that holiday season.

"I personally feel that, as a method of spreading the gospel, television has been considered a sleeping giant," said Rev. Barry Landrum, the church's pastor. "When we received such a tremendous response to 'Thanks Living' last year, we realized we had reached a large number of people who would otherwise have never been reached by our church."

When First Baptist Church turned to television as a method of spreading the gospel, Mr. Landrum and his minister of music, Kenneth Forbus, looked to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission for help.

Bob Thornton from the TimeRite office was dispatched to Mississippi to help. (TimeRite is an agency of the Radio and Television Commission.)

Thornton produced "Thanks Living" for the church and served as technical advisor for a second production which was aired on Valentine's Day. He'll be back in Greenville in an advisory capacity Dec. 17 when taping of the Christmas special begins.

"This is the first time that we'll have used our local television studios for filming but we feel that they have the facilities available for our needs," said Landrum.

"The Christmas show, 'Christmas In The Delta,' will be loosely patterned after 'Spring Street, USA' which the Radio-TV Commission produces for the Home Mission Board," said Rev. Landrum. "We won't have the facilities for a production that elaborate but we do like the bright, variety-format and the philosophy behind it."

"Christmas In The Delta" will fea-

ture the church's 12-member bell choir, its youth choir, and a religious message from the pastor.

"We hope to use a nationally known guest artist, but that has not been finalized yet," said Landrum. "We do plan to use some footage showing Christmas decorations in the Delta and we expect to have a production that can be re-run several times without being out-of-date."

"Christmas In The Delta" is being taped at WABG-TV and is scheduled to be shown twice in the Greenville-Greenwood area. The first showing will be the afternoon of Dec. 17 and it will be repeated Christmas Day "after the late afternoon football game on television," said Pastor Landrum.

"Last year after the Thanksgiving show, we heard from people as far north as Tupelo, Miss., from Louisiana, and from Arkansas. There was every indication that they were very pleased with the show. We had favorable comments from many of our Jewish friends here who said they enjoyed it."

West Coast Bible - - -

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periods and worship periods.

Bible study periods will focus on the biblical teachings of the Holy Spirit. Among the conferences are the following: Genesis, "Creation by the Spirit; Revelation, "Creative Hope by the Spirit; Isaiah, "The Messiah and the Spirit;" and Luke, "Jesus and the Spirit."

Other Bible study sessions include: Acts, "Witnessing by the Spirit;" Romans, "Overcoming Flesh by the Spirit;" I Corinthians, "Gifts by the Spirit;" Galatians, "Fellowship by the Spirit;" Hebrews, "Maturity by the Spirit;" and I John, "The Spirits."

R. L. Patillo, Jr., Sunday School secretary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, is the steering committee chairman and Chester Russell, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, is the associate chairman of the steering committee.

Rienzi Pastor Moves To Glendale

Rev. Joe Holcomb has resigned at Rienzi to accept the pastorate of Glendale Church, Alcorn County.

In 1970 he and his family moved to Rienzi. The church immediately moved to full-time work. In the summer of 1970 a new roof was placed on the building. Later in the year a \$1500 debt on the heating and cooling system was retired.

The sanctuary was completely redecorated with all new furniture, lights and carpet. Sunday School rooms were repainted and carpeting installed; exterior of the building was painted; sign was erected; the driveway has been paved and a parking area established.

A new educational building has been completed and the debt is being rapidly repaid.

During his years as pastor there,

SBC Christmas... Offering Goal

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Miss Moon's original concept, linked with a Bible verse, sets the theme for this year's Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The theme is "God's Gift . . . Unspeakable," based on 2 Corinthians 9:15: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Last year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering weighed in at \$19,664,972.53, so the \$20,000,000 goal seems well in sight. The other half of foreign mission support comes Sunday by Sunday through the Cooperative Program.

The week of prayer and offering involve all members of the church family. Children save their pennies; families are encouraged to pray together and put the offering at the top of their Christmas lists; pastors lead in church goal setting and preach missionary sermons; and churches are be-

decked with world maps and mission scenes along with boughs of holly.

People will be calling the Foreign Missions Hot Line (804)355-6581 for a long-distance update on foreign missions news. Missionary dramas, musicals, fairs, banquets, prayer vigils, and displays direct attention to the week of prayer.

"There is no way to explain the offering except the prayers of millions before the time of giving," says Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of sponsoring Woman's Missionary

Union, attributes the success of the observance to study as well as to prayer. "Our missionaries are making dramatic impact on many troubled fields. When we understand this, we pray more intelligently and we invest our money in the work," she said.

The Convention President Speaks

In last week's column, I made the statement that I would make some suggestions on how our annual convention could be improved.

One thing I think would help is to work at making the schedule not quite so tight. I realize this is an apparent contradiction to a proposal I made a year ago shortly after being elected your president. But I do not think this is necessary.

Personally, I think we can reevaluate all we are doing and make some constructive changes. We saw at the past convention that we do not have to be married to a traditional format. I believe there are some other things that can be done that will be just as expeditious and yet, more relaxed. However, I want to emphasize that I am not for change just to change. If a thing is good and is meeting the purpose, it would be unwise to change for the sake of doing something different.

The convention is designed and intended to carry on the work of our Lord. Whatever we can do that does this is good, but whatever we do that can be improved, is even better.

I can assure you that the committee responsible for so planning the order will put forth every effort to do the best job possible. — David Grant.

Swor To Speak In Religious Emphasis At Carey College

William Carey College will host Dr. Chester Swor, renowned lecturer and counselor, in a special religious emphasis on the Hattiesburg campus from December 3 through 6.

Dr. Swor, an annual visitor to the Carey College campus speaks before thousands of young people each year. He is the author of four books which have gone through 41 printings. He has co-authored three additional books and is in the process of completing four more. In recent years, Dr. Swor has given increasing time to high school "Character Emphasis Weeks," to civic clubs and to college campuses.

Dr. Jerry Oswalt, chaplain of William Carey College, is in charge of the three-day program.

It's a good idea to take an interest in the future—that's where you will spend the rest of your life.

There is nothing harder than a diamond, except making the payment on it.



The auditorium was filled for the men's meeting on Monday night.



Glendon McCullough, Memphis, director, Brotherhood Commission, speaks on Monday night.



Dr. Douglas Hudgins presents new pastors and other new workers in the state.



Dr. Howard Aultman and W. R. Roberts at the Annuity Board booth.



Secretaries type the minutes of the Convention.



Messengers at the registration desk.

Camera Captures Convention Scenes



Rev. L. R. Riley, 95, was probably the oldest person attending the convention. A retired Baptist pastor, formerly of Kentucky, he now lives in Jackson.



Governor Bill Waller's father, Percy Waller, was at the convention. He is a member of Clear Creek Church near Oxford.



Committee on Resolutions gives report—Dr. Joe Tuten, Calvary, Jackson, at the microphone.



Visual presentation by Robert Wall accompanied vocal presentation by Dan C. Hall.



Panel presentation concerning work in Brotherhood, Church Music, Church Training, Stewardship, Student Work, Sunday School, and WMU—Rev. John Alexander at the pulpit; Bill Hardy, moderator.



Muffets presentation by Vateria and Derrell Billingsley, First, Kosciusko.

Convention Sermon: The Land Of Beginning Again

By Clark McMurray, Editor of the Baptist Record

Delivered Nov. 13

"I wish there were some wonderful place
Called the land of beginning again,
Where all of our mistakes
And all of our heartaches
And all of our selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat
At the door, and never be put on again."

—Louisa Fletcher Tarkington
This unrealized dream expressed by the poet becomes a real experience in the life of a Christian. The apostle Paul wrote "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). In this scripture Paul may be giving a brief summation of his own experience. I believe that the New Testament teaches there is a place or point of beginning again. This teaching is validated in Christian history and supported by current-day experiences.

I. A NEW BEGINNING TAUGHT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Paul wrote with great authority and conviction; he knew the Christ about whom he wrote. Paul came to Corinth resolved to "know no one among them, save Jesus Christ and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2). While in Corinth God spoke to him and announced that "I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:10). Encouraged by two companions, Aquila and Priscilla, Paul

labored there for eighteen months. The results were gratifying. Contrary to the demands of the Jews, Gallio refused to make inquiry into the faith. Paul had great success in this new found freedom. You recall on one occasion when they were run out of the synagogue providentially they were led next door to the home of Justus, one who worshipped God. The very next verse tells us Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord. Many of the Corinthians believed and were baptized. In fact they were so successful in their presentation of the gospel that the Greek took the new synagogue leader, Sosthenes, and beat him, apparently because his efforts were so inferior to those of the apostles.

Acts 18 deals with the beginning of the gospel in Corinth. Paul's letters present us with the power of the gospel upon these people. Paul left Corinth and took Aquila and Priscilla with him. Problems arose in the church at Corinth to which no one could give answer. A deputation of the house of Chloe brought a list of questions to Paul, some of which Paul answered in the two Corinthian letters.

Corinth was a wicked city. Christianity had set itself down in one of the worst spots possible. In this difficult situation Paul preached, "If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature." One has a new beginning in Christ. This new beginning involves an understanding of three New Testament words: repentance, faith and regeneration.

1. Repentance

It is important to note that both Jesus and John the Baptist came preaching repentance. There are two words in the Greek NT which are translated repentance, (1) metanoeo and (2) metamelomai. Metanoeo has the meaning of changing one's mind; a change of mind toward sin. It means repentance from sin. It is found in Luke's gospel nine times, in Acts five times, and in the Apocalypse twelve times. This change of mind involved both a turning from sin and a turning to God. The parable of the prodigal son may best illustrate metanoeo. Repentance involved in mind, the will, and the feeling.

Metamelomai means to regret, to have sorrow not because of a conviction that something is wrong, but because one is caught. Judas experienced this kind of repentance. Genuine repentance demands a godly sorrow for sin and a resolve that with God's help one will not continue in sin. There is a real need to emphasize this New Testament teaching when we offer Jesus Christ to a lost, sinful world. One must repent of his sin toward God.

2. Faith

The opposite side of the coin of repentance is faith. In Acts 20:21 Paul reminded the leadership from Ephesus that he had preached both to the Jews and to the Greeks, and he told them the substance of his preaching, namely, "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Repentance and faith are two

parts of one whole; they are inseparable. One is incomplete without the other. Both the necessity to repent and the demand for faith presupposes that man is in need. Man is lost. He is a sinner in need of what God has to offer. Whatever else we may say about man, as we view him through the eyes of the New Testament, he is not what God intended for him to be. Man is depraved. By depravity we do not mean that man is as sinful as he can become. Depravity means that one is unable, incapable of saving himself; that there is a tendency toward sin and without help man is his natural self will lean toward sin. When one repents of his sin toward God and has faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, there comes to him a power, a new desire, which enables him to go another way — to change his direction.

The stem of the word faith means "to unite." Saving faith is that continuous exercise of belief, trust, and commitment inseparably related to knowledge. Faith unites us to God. When one has faith he believes something; he trusts something; he commits himself to something. He believes that Jesus died for his sin; he trusts Jesus as dying in his place on the cross; and he commits himself to Jesus. God saves him. The believer, through his faith in the atoning blood, is saved.

This term is closely associated with repentance and faith. Regeneration is the change wrought by the Holy Spirit, in man, using the scriptures as a means, whereby the moral disposition of man is renewed in the image of God. I think it is important that we notice each phrase in this definition. The change wrought by the Holy Spirit, in man, using the scriptures as a means, whereby the moral disposition of man is renewed in the image of God.

We are hearing much said about renewal today. Some have attempted to define for us the public act of those who come to offer themselves to Christ anew. These terms are redemption, consecration, revival, renewal. Rededication emphasizes personal decision, a solemn promise of devotion. Reconversion emphasizes the ceremonial part of this act. Revival suggests recreating or reviving, a new stirring of God's Spirit. Renewal carries the Biblical idea of regeneration. Renewal is the recognition that the power and light of the initial Christian experience must be rekindled again and again until all of life is hallowed. However, there will be no renewal until one has been regenerated. Only then may one have renewal and many fulfillings.

When one repents of his sin and exercises faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit makes that person to be a new creature. The new birth and regenera-

tion do not represent successive stages in one's being saved. They refer to the same event but are viewed differently. The new birth stresses the communication of spiritual life in contrast to spiritual death. Regeneration stresses the inception of a new state of being in contrast with the old. Peter talks about the sow returning to her wallow and the dog to its vomit (II Peter 3:22). Without the new beginning man may have reformation, but not regeneration. Unless the "old nature" has been changed, one should question the genuineness of his experience. Regeneration is instantaneous; it is continuous; it is ultimate. This says to me that when one receives Jesus Christ to be Lord and Saviour there is a new beginning.

II. A NEW BEGINNING VALIDATED BY CHRISTIAN HISTORY

From the first century to the twentieth century, history is replete with stories of men who experienced a new beginning in Christ. From Ignatius to Bill Wallace we find those whose lives were changed. Let us consider a few of these great men.

1. Augustine

Africa gave three great leaders to Latin Christianity — Tertullian, Cyprian, and Augustine. Each of these men contributed vitally to the cause of Christ. Of the three, Augustine seems to have had the greatest influence. He is called the Father of Catholicism and the Father of Protestantism. Augustine displayed two natures: one passionate and sensual, the other eagerly high-minded and truth-seeking. At the age of seventeen he took a concubine with whom he lived for fourteen years. To them was born a son. This sensual Augustine soon became the truth-seeking

Augustine. It was not until he came under the powerful preaching of Ambrose, whom he heard as an illustration of pulpit eloquence rather than with approval of the message, that he came alive. A crisis in his life precipitated this turning experience. Overcome with self-conviction, one day he rushed into the garden and there heard the voice of a child from a neighboring house say, "Take up and read..." He reached for a copy of the epistles he had been reading and his eyes fell on the words, "Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but, put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ and make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof." (Rom. 13:13). From that moment there came to him a peace of mind and a divine power to help him overcome his sins. The City of God and his Confessions lead us to believe that God made a new creature out of him. Augustine would say, were he here, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new."

2. John Wyclif

Wyclif acquired significant standing in the college at Oxford, where he ultimately became "master" for a short time. He was a great scholar and a devoted Christian. Called by some the "morning star of the Reformation," he taught that the scriptures are the only law of the church. With his deep knowledge of the Bible, Wyclif attracted great numbers of students. In order to spread the gospel to the people, Wyclif began sending out his "poor priests." In apostolic poverty, barefoot, clad in long robes, with staff in hand, they wandered two by two over the countryside. These students were called Lollards. Those who heard Wyclif teach and who saw the outreach of his influence through the Lollards, concluded that in Christ there is a new beginning. Although

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Less Than 2%

Protestant Missionaries Increase ---

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Of the 35,070 missionaries, 4,100 are on short-term assignment or persons in a self-support capacity, according to the handbook.

The 1973 reference document includes data on 22 agencies not included in the 1969 book. Most are small groups engaged in specialized programs.

Information on the geographic distribution of North American Protestant missionaries showed little change in 1972 from 1969.

Latin America continues to have the most, with one-third of the total. Asia has 30 per cent. Africa, with 27 per cent, was down 2 per cent from 1969. Brazil is the nation having the most Protestant mission workers from the U.S. and Canada. The number there is 1,968. Japan with 1,917, Mexico with 1,294, India with 1,195 and the Philippines with 1,185 follow in the standing.

Some dozen countries having a com-

bined population of 912 million persons have no Protestant missionaries from North America. Most are Communist nations or Islamic lands.

The Southern Baptist Convention continues to have the most foreign missionaries. In 1972, it had 2,507 persons on overseas assignment through its Foreign Mission Board.

The Wycliffe Bible Translator, with 2,000 missionaries, was second, followed by: Churches of Christ, 1,623; Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, 1,546; Youth With A Mission, 1,009; The Evangelical Alliance Mission, 922; Assemblies of God, 967; the United Methodist Church, 951; the Sudan Interior Mission, 818, and the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 803.

These 10 largest agencies account for 38 per cent of all U.S. and Canadian Protestant missionaries overseas. Only 15 agencies had 500 or more foreign personnel in 1972, the handbook says.

The aggregate income of the 10 largest represents 44 per cent of the total for last year, and individually range from \$7.3 million to \$35 million. Seventy-four agencies had incomes of more than \$1 million.

Of the total estimate of \$393 million spent for foreign missions, \$321 million was expended overseas and \$85 million in North America, the handbook reports.

The 1973 World Vision document focuses particularly on short-term missionaries. The category is growing faster than the figures may show Mr. Needham says.

Minister: And what does your mother do for you when you've been a good girl?

Girl: She lets me stay home from church.

Is your car in good condition? Sure — everything makes a noise except the horn.



The Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission exhibit at the convention featured pictures of all executive secretaries who have served with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

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Missions—An Ongoing Task

Nothing binds Southern Baptists together more than their missionary concern. World missions is their greatest interest and their largest program.

While other major denominations are finding it necessary to curtail their missionary programs, Southern Baptists have continued to enlarge theirs.

Today, the SBC foreign mission force of more than 2500 missionaries, and the home mission force of more than 2200, constitute the largest evangelical mission force in the world under one organization. As will be seen from a story elsewhere in this issue of the Record, Wyckliffe Translators is second in the field of foreign missions.

Moreover, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board continues to project plans looking to expansion. There is an immediate need for 900 new missionaries. Of course, until much larger support and more candidates are available, such a goal cannot be reached. However, the board continues to appoint new missionaries month by month, and as support increases we can expect to see continued growth in the number serving.

The blessing of God is on Southern Baptists in their missionary program, and that brings continually enlarging interest of the people, so future support seems assured.

While approximately one-half of the support for the Foreign Mission Board

comes from the Cooperative Program, almost one-half comes from what has become the largest single mission offering in the world today—the Lottie Moon Offering.

The goal for this year is \$20,000,000, an unbelievable amount when we remember that it was only a few years ago that it was less than half that much. More than \$19,000,000 was given last year, so there is every reason to believe that the goal will be reached and surpassed this time.

This great Christmas offering means many things.

It says to our Lord that we love him and that we are seeking to be obedient to His missionary command.

It says to the Foreign Mission Board that we believe in its ministry, and want to give our best support to it.

It says to the 2500 missionaries scattered around the world that we are behind them in their witness and will support what they do with our prayers and our dollars.

It says to lost men everywhere that there is a major denomination that takes seriously their need to hear the gospel.

It says to other denominations cutting their missionary programs that Southern Baptists cannot retreat. Their belief in the Bible and in the Lordship of Jesus Christ makes advance in missionary witness imperative.

It says to the unbelieving world that Southern Baptists are a people who believe what they profess. They are a people of the Book.

The Lottie Moon Offering is a part of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions observed by the Woman's Missionary Union. At no time of the year are so many women and young people studying about and praying for missions. Groups will be participating in many thousands of churches.

However, the offering long ago ceased to be a WMU project. Churches accepted it as a part of their mission program. Preachers preach upon it. Other organizations emphasize it. Millions of individual Southern Baptists have a part and whether the gift be a few pennies or hundreds or even thousands of dollars, every gift is important. Millions must share if the goal is to be met.

Last year Mississippi Baptists gave more than \$1,000,000 in this offering. This year their aim should be to do even more.

We would urge every Baptist in Mississippi to have a part, and thus share in the joy of this glorious gift. Also they should use their influence to see that the church of which they are a member has worthy participation.

Together, we can make a great Christmas gift to our Lord, and thus give a mighty undergirding to world missions.

He's got the
WHOLE WORLD
in his hands



FOREIGN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER
DECEMBER 2-9, 1973
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
GOAL \$20,000,000

On The MORAL SCENE...

For the first time in history, the rate at which American women have children declined in 1972 to a rate below the level necessary to sustain zero population growth, the Census Bureau reported recently. It could lead eventually to a decrease in the country's population. However, the 1972 rate would have to be sustained well into the next century before this could occur. The estimated number of births in 1972 was the lowest total since 1945. In addition, the 1972 rate of population growth dropped to its lowest level in 35 years at 7.8 persons per 1,000 population. — (The Nashville Tennessean, 5-17-73)

Americans now spend about \$83.4 billion a year on medical care, 56% more than they spent five years ago and three times as much as they spent in 1960. A significant portion of that increase can be attributed to genuine medical advances — improvements in treatment of heart attack victims, for example, which require high-priced coronary care equipment and extensively trained personnel. But three-quarters of recent cost rises, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, were a consequence of soaring charges levied by doctors and hospitals. During the 1960's, an HMO white paper notes, hospital charges went up four times as fast as other items on the consumer price index, and doctors' fees increased at twice the index rate. — (Money, p. 22, May 1973)



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

One morning several years ago our youngest, James, was unusually sleepy. His Daddy went back to the door of the room the second time and said, "Get up, Jimbo. You've got to go to school."

Mumbling, "I'll just go to sleep up there," he burrowed his head down into the pillow.

"Well, keeping you awake in school is your teacher's problem. Getting you up is my problem."

"You've got a big problem."

It really didn't amount to such a big problem, after all, but I'm not sure about the teacher's problem of keeping him awake.

Sleepy people have to be among the biggest problems a teacher faces each day of the week. Being sleepy makes a student grumpy, tired, disinterested, and all sorts of unpleasant things. Though I have no research to back me up, I believe it even shortens a student's interest span, and a student's interest span is the teacher's big chance. It's a little as if the light in a room can be turned on for only a specified length of time and things can be stored in the room only during that time. It is no small trick to try to get the light on in thirty or so minds at once.

Many things my parents gave me didn't have to be bought, and being made to get into bed many nights when I would rather have been up was one of them. True, I lay awake often for a while until the house-sounds quieted, but I was resting, and sleep came soon. I remember in the days following Pearl Harbor staying awake in my room until the news came on in the room where my parents were. I would hear the latest war developments and then go to sleep much more quickly than if I had stayed up until after the news.

In a class where I was substituting early in the year a student kept leaning over on her hand. Finally, I went to her desk and asked, "Are you feeling bad?"

"No'm. I'm sleepy."

It was a language class and if she had been that sleepy a couple of classes a week, she probably is hopelessly lost and possibly failing the course. The blame for failure may be placed everywhere from an inability to learn on the part of the student to an inability to teach on the part of the teacher. But a part of the blame will really belong with the one who is responsible for insisting that she get a reasonable amount of rest.

Maybe one of the most lastingly valuable gifts, with all kinds of side benefits, that a mother can give her child, especially during school, is discipline toward the habit of a good night's rest.

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Stones and bricks are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees.

"All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." — Lincoln.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Works without faith are as dead as faith without works.

Pray For The President

It is time for every Christian to join in earnest prayer for the President of our country.

Whatever his political affiliations or personal feelings may be, the Christian is under the clear command of the Bible to pray for government officials. Listen to these words of Paul:

"I exhort, therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men, for kings, and for all that are in authority. . . (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Perhaps there have been few times in American history when a president of the nation stood more in need of the prayers of Christians than President Nixon needs them now. Many are his needs for wisdom from God, divine

leadership, and strength.

He needs our prayers

—as he seeks diligently to solve the problems of national disunity, and to bring the national government out of the chaos into which it has been thrown by unwise, and allegedly dishonest, actions of associates, and the pressures which those actions have brought.

—as he faces the economic crisis brought about by the energy shortage;

—as he is confronted with the blackmail of some of the energy producing countries, upon which the world depends for supplies;

—as he continues to try to solve the international crises brought about by actions of ambitious powers;

—as he labors desperately to find a solution to the Mideast crisis;

—as he is confronted by other gigantic problems which press upon him now.

Pray that he will have heaven sent wisdom in dealing with these matters.

Pray that unity can be found in our own nation, so that leaders will work together in seeking solutions to problems.

Pray that the president will have physical and emotional strength to hold up under the burdens which beset him.

Yes, President Nixon needs our prayers now!

Furthermore, every other person in government needs them too!

Whatever our political position, and whatever our own opinions, we as Christians can pray for our leaders.

Every Christian should be doing it today!

Many New Sacred Records Are Available For Music Lovers

Christmas is a time when many people buy sacred records as gifts, or secure them for their own enjoyment. In recent months the Baptist Record has received all of the following albums. We are sure that those who have record players, will find among them some which will be of interest. We have sought to classify them, at least generally, in order to make your selection a bit easier. The Baptist Book Store should have many or all of these albums, or can secure them for you.

CHORAL GROUPS

REALLY LIVE by the Don Wyrtsen Singers (Singcord, ZLP 838S) Unusual arrangements of sacred music, old and new.

THE KING IS COMING — Vol. 13 — Sixteen Singing Men (Singcord, ZLP 830S) The singing group is widely known and they are at their best in this very popular number, and the numerous other Christ glorifying numbers.

HE TOUCHED ME — Vol. 11 — Sixteen Singing Men (Singcord, ZLP 838S) Another collection of ten great numbers by one of the most widely known singing men's groups of our day.

SOUNDS OF PEACE from the Messengers (Light - LS-5634-LP) A singing youth group from Memphis presents numbers they have sung across America.

LAUGHTER IN YOUR SOUL — Jamie Owens (Light LS-5631-LP) A popular youth singer presents several numbers, accompanied by readers, vocal groups, instruments, etc.

HAPPINESS IS OF THE LORD — Country and Western Songs, arranged and conducted by Don Wyrtsen. (Singcord, ZLP 845S) Do you like warm country style gospel music? Then, you will like the beautiful arrangements here.

SONLIGHT (Light, LS 5612-LP) Unusual youth style music, seeking to express inward feelings concerning Jesus Christ.

SING AND CELEBRATE — Vol. 2 (Word, WST 8690 LP) Fifty selected numbers on two records, sung by the Sing and Celebrate Chorus of Baylor University. Many numbers are old, some are new.

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SINGING JOYFULLY — Fuller

Seminary, Student Body Chapel Choir (Light, LS 516 -LP) Great singing from the chapel services of one of today's best known seminaries.

SOLOISTS

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THE VOICE AND TRUMPET OF STEVE BOALT — HOW LONG WILL IT BE? (Singcord, ZLP 801S) John Peterson, widely known musical leader, says John Bolt is one of the finest musicians in the field today. Some of the present day's most popular numbers are included.

SPECIAL KIND OF MAN — Ray Hildebrand (Myrrh, MST 6512-LP) A special kind of album with blue grass, country, rock, pop-gospel music.

DALLAS HOMN — JUST THE WAY I FEEL IT (Sondervan, ZLP 830S) A soloist from the David Wilkerson Youth Crusade team sings the gospel as he feels it.

THERE'S A NEW WIND BLOWIN' by David Yantis (Word WST 8696 LP) Folk singing of the gospel message.

FREE ME by David Yantis (Word, WST 8695-LP) Folk singing that presents the gospel as many modern young people feel it.

INSTRUMENTAL

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LORIN WHITNEY PLAYS ORGAN FAVORITES (Singcord, ZLP 882S) No one needs an introduction of Lorin Whitney, for he is one of America's great organists. Here are some great numbers in mighty organ expression.

YOUR REQUESTS featuring Dino at the Piano (Diadem, DLP 195) Dino Kartsonakis of The Kings College is widely known for his piano mastery.

All are well known great religious numbers.

SILVER STRINGS NO. 2 — Easy Listening (Singcord, ZLP 829S) Features Rick Powell, his orchestra, and chorus. So Send I You, Heaven Came Down, and others.

THE PIANO ARTISTRY OF GLORIA ROE — (Word, WST 8592) Gloria Roe reaches youth with her artistic skill. Great numbers, beautifully played.

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Convention Sermon

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Wyclif escaped martyrdom, the ecclesiastics would not let his body rest. They exhumed the body, burned it, and strewed the ashes upon the river. Wyclif, whose influence continues to live, would say, were he here today, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature."

3. From the Reformation to the time of William Carey, history tells us of outstanding leaders whose lives bore testimony to this profound truth. Martin Luther, the German monk, had an insatiable hunger for the word of God. Becoming dissatisfied with the church as he found it, he turned to the scriptures for the answer. You know the story of his struggle. The posting of his ninety-five theses on the bulletin board in Wittenberg created a greater stir than he had expected. The Reformation was in full sway. There are some things about Luther which we do not accept, but we have profited greatly from this great man of God. The place he gave to the scriptures and his emphasis on the doctrine of justification give us reason to believe that Luther preached that in Christ one has a new standing.

John Calvin, the French theologian and reformer, propagated this truth. An able writer in both French and Latin, he gave order and system to theology. His devotion to the scriptures and his commentary on Romans encourages us to believe, were he here, he too would say, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature." Balthasar Hubmaier, John Bunyan, and a host of others of this era would say with Paul, "In Jesus Christ one has a new standing."

III. A NEW BEGINNING SUBSTANTIATED BY CURRENT EXPERIENCES

Two apostles of the twentieth century speak to us loudly and clearly. Bill Wallace, serving as a medical missionary in China, when requested to renounce his Christian faith, said, "Jesus Christ is my Lord, not Communism and materialism. Martin Niemöller, during the severe persecutions by the Nazi regime, refused to bow down to Hitler, but remained faithful to Jesus Christ. All around us today are hosts of people whose experiences testify to this new beginning. Let me illustrate.

A revival was in progress, the Spirit was working. Church members were burdened for the lost. In the community there was a "notorious sinner," one of the hard ones. Three times he had served sentences in the state penitentiary. "Slim" (not his real name) became interested in what was going on down at the church. He would come to the morning services but always remained outside. Seated on the edge of a truck bed he could see through the windows all that was taking place inside. One morning he jumped from the truck, came in the church door, strolled down the aisle, and made a public commitment to Jesus Christ. The church received him as a candidate for baptism, and he was later baptized. It was difficult for some of the local people to accept Slim's experience. In later years I talked with this individual and his testimony was very much like Paul's. He said, "I haven't been the same man since I met Jesus." The power of the gospel is available to save and deliver any hardened criminal and give to him a new standing in Christ.

I find something of my own experience in the teachings of the New Testament, in Christian history, and in current-day experiences. I, too, can say "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." There is a land of beginning again!

SAN JUAN, Argentina — A record crowd of more than 2,000 people, meeting here recently for the 21st annual National Youth Congress, sent a declaration to the mass media expressing the "faith, love and hope of the gospel...for the contemporary man." Radio and television interviews with conference personalities were broadcast throughout the city. Representatives from Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay also attended the congress.

BIRISION, Bangladesh — A lay witnessing conference sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance as part of the "World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ" emphasis attracted 460 representatives of 88 churches of the Garo Baptist Union, an organization of churches in an area of Bangladesh. According to Charles A. Beckett, missionary press representative, members of 86 of these churches fled into India as refugees less than two years ago during the Pakistan civil war. Bangladesh became an independent nation as a result of this conflict. With more than 1,100 people attending two of the evening sessions, Ervin E. Hastey, Southern Baptist representative in Mexico, led the lay witnessing section. The Garo churches plan to conduct similar conferences in local churches.



David Larrimore, Calvary, Tupelo.



Ann Allred, singer, Brookhaven.

Musicians At The Convention

These are some of the many musicians who appeared on the convention program.



Larry Black, left, leads First Church, Jackson, Choir, right.



Larry Black and Joe McKeever, First Church, Jackson.



Mrs. Bobbie Smith, Jackson, organist



Buddy Mathis, Mississippi College and Calvary, Pascagoula, on Youth Night at the Coliseum.



Vocal Ensemble, Broadmoor, Jackson.



Mrs. Harold C. Waldrep, Holly Springs, pianist



Vernon Polk, First, Grenada



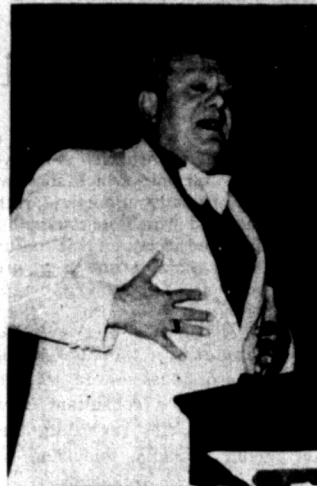
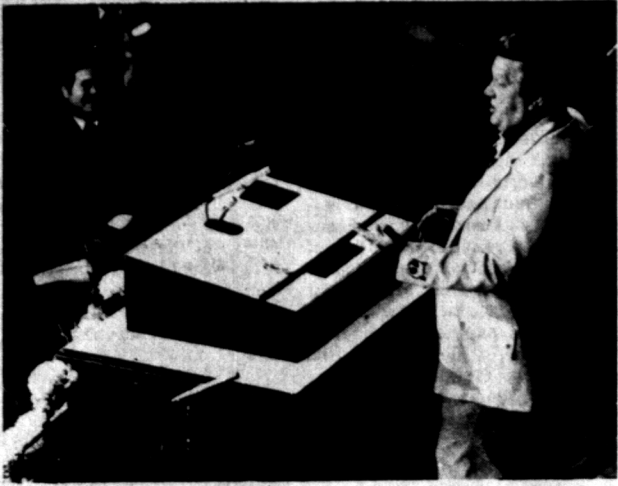
Jan Collum McCullough, flutist, Jackson.



Major McDaniel, mission appointee to Korea.



Graham Smith, First, Pascagoula.



Jerry Clower In Action At The Convention

Jerry Clower, humorist - lay preacher, Yazoo City.



Week Of Prayer Emphasis

Hinds-Madison WMU To Sponsor

Joy Davis In Lottie Moon Drama



Hinds-Madison WMU is sponsoring Mrs. Joy Morgan Davis, pictured, in a musical drama on the life of Lottie Moon. This December 6 event will begin at 10 a.m. at First Church, Jackson. A period of fellowship will follow the program.

The musical drama is being presented in emphasis of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 2-9.

SEMINAR ON USE OF SCRIPTURES TO BE CONDUCTED DECEMBER 4

A Seminar, sponsored by the American Bible Society, will be held Tuesday night, Dec. 4, from 7:30 - 9:30 at the Methodist headquarters building, 321 Mississippi Street, in Jackson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Newcomer, representative of the Society, will direct the seminar program which will explore ways the Society can provide materials and services.

The program will include visuals and a display of materials.

The meeting is open to any persons interested in the scriptures and their use and there will be obligation on the part of those attending.

Mississippi Full-Time Evangelists Form Organization

Full-time evangelists and evangelistic singers of the state organized a Fellowship of Mississippi Baptist Evangelists during the recent sessions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

A spokesman for the group suggested three goals the group has adapted.

(1) Help improve relations between full time evangelists and the convention.

(2) Create a fellowship between all men in the full time evangelistic ministry.

(3) Conduct an Open House Fellowship at the State Evangelistic Conference.

The organization came into being at a breakfast meeting during the recent convention. Officers are, Ed Bryon, Clinton, president; James Fancher, Jackson, v-president; and Jerry Mixon, Petal, Secretary - Treasurer.

Individuals desiring further information concerning the organization or its members, may write to Rev. Ed Bryon, 1013 Arlington Dr., Clinton, Miss., 39056.

New Album Preserves Singing Of Kearnie Keegan

Kearnie Keegan Still Sings (World Records, WRLP 1015) A new album, recently released, presents some of the best known numbers of Dr. Kearnie Keegan, widely known Southern Baptist leader, who died in 1960. He had been a pastor, and a youth leader, and at the time of his death of a heart attack, was the director of the Department of Student Work of the Sunday School Board.

The album presents an introduction by Dr. J. D. Grey, who was long a friend of Dr. Keegan. Dr. Grey tells of his life and of his mighty influence

Emmanuel Calls Gerald Jones

Emmanuel Church at Nicholson has a new pastor, Rev. Gerald Jones. He goes to Emmanuel from Delta City Church in Sharkey County, where he served for four years. Home church of Jones is Southside in Benoit, where he was ordained to the ministry.

He is married to the former Rachel Crowe of Benoit, and they are the parents of three sons: Joey, 17; Ronald, 15; and Kelly, 9.

across the Southern Baptist Convention, and reminds the listener of the effectiveness of his singing. Perhaps, best known in his singing of "Lily of the Valley," Dr. Keegan also often used "That's Dear Old Mandeville" (Louisiana Baptist assembly), "A New Name," "This

World Is Not My Home," and others. All of these best known numbers plus several others are reproduced here. This is an album which those who knew Kearnie Keegan will want to have, both as a memorial to him, and also to once again hear his glorious voice. The album is available at your Baptist Book Store.

Friendship Uses New Building For First Time

Friendship Church, Pike County, in accord with the Thanksgiving Season observed Harvest Day, November 25. Friendship is in the final stage of erection on new education-recreational building. The new building was used for the first time that day, for the noon meal and also for a musical program. The music was presented by the 30-voice Youth Choir under the direction of Clifton Williams, music director, and the Crownsmen Quartet from Johnston Church. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

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The report of the Committee on Committees was adopted at the November 13 afternoon session, MBC. James Richardson was chairman, and working with him on the committee were Russell Bush, Estus Mason, James Roberts, and J. R. Grissett. The following were elected:

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Goes To Pioneer Church

Rev. Houston Anglin, a second-year diploma student in pastoral ministries at New Orleans Seminary, recently assumed responsibilities as pastor of Pioneer Church at Woodville.

Anglin is a retired officer of the United States Army. He attended Augusta (Ga.) Tech and has been active as a pastor and church worker for some 22 years.

Anglin is a native of Tallisheek, La., where his mother, Mrs. Lulu Friend, resides. He is married to the former Opal Brewer, also of Tallisheek. The couple has one child still living at home, 17-year-old Janice, and four other children: Jeanette Anglin Polk, Clifford Anglin, Clifton Anglin, and Clinton Anglin.

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The Gospel Of John: The Simplest And The Sublimest

By Clifton J. Allen
John 20:30-31; 1:1-3; 17:1-3
The Gospel of John is for many persons the most meaningful book in the New Testament. For three months our lessons will be devoted to a study of this Gospel. It was likely written in Ephesus, late in the first century, between A. D. 80 and 100. It is different from the Synoptic Gospels, including its contents events and teachings not recorded by the Synoptic writers. The



writers refers to the miracles of Jesus as "signs" to interpret or emphasize the truth about Jesus and his earthly mission. The discourses in chapters 14-16 contain Jesus' fullest teaching about the coming of the Holy Spirit and about his own abiding presence in and with all who believe in him through the Spirit. This Gospel is both the simplest and the sublimest of all the Gospels. It is the writer's portrait of Jesus as the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of life. The Lesson Explained
The Purpose of the Writer
John 20:30-31
In writing the Gospel, the writer

built his story around a series of signs. He was necessarily selective, choosing the miracles which so clearly set forth crucially important truths about Jesus and which so convincingly establish the deity of his nature and the reality of his power to give

eternal life. There were many signs or miracles not reported in this Gospel. They, too, reveal Jesus' compassion and power, as well as identifying aspects of his authority and saving work. The purpose of the Gospel, essentially, was the same as the pur-

pose of Jesus in coming into the world, to become the means for the true knowledge of God, the basis for true faith in God, and the way of salvation for all who would receive Jesus by faith. The evangelistic thrust of the Gospel is central. Jesus came that men might have life and have it abundantly. The Gospel is aimed at pointing to him as the true expression of the life of God and as the medium whereby all who will receive him by faith will experience life eternal in and through him.

the wondrous truth of the incarnation, the Son of God as man on earth, and the wondrous words and deeds of Jesus through which he made manifest the truth of God and the love of God. But the world would not receive him, would not believe in him. The fact remains that the light of Christ keeps on shining in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out.

The Gospel of Life
John 17:1-3

These verses are the beginning of the great intercessory prayer of Jesus on the night before his crucifixion. Jesus said that the essence of eternal life is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ, who was sent by God the Father into the world. In these words of Jesus we have what may be called the central theme of this Gospel, namely, eternal life. This term does not refer primarily to duration, that is, life without any end, but to quality, the new life which is imparted to men as the free gift of God on the basis of their faith in Jesus Christ. It is described as knowing God, which means experiential knowledge of God and of Christ by faith. Its very essence is being united with Christ. To receive Christ is to become one with him and the Father. To be saved by Christ is to experience the newness of his life. To abide in Christ is to abide in the love and light and life of God forever.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Joy Of Witnessing

Luke 15:1-32
By Bill Duncan
The phone has just rung and my secretary has related the good news that two boys that ran away from home have called from Arkansas. For two days and nights the parents have been beside themselves. Monday night I sat with parents for a long time and felt for them in this crisis. The boys will never know what fears and love the parents have shown. But the lost boys have been found. What a contrast! The parent's joy is so real and meaningful. First, just to know where they are and that they are safe. The joy is everywhere in our community.

Can you compare this joy with the joy that comes when an individual who is lost in sin comes to his senses and asks God to forgive him and save his life? In some ways you can. Jesus illustrated the love of God with three stories pertaining to precious possessions that were lost and were found.

The parables of Luke 15 arose out of a perfectly definite situation. It was an offense to the Scribe and Pharisees that Jesus companied and associated with men and women who by the orthodox were labelled sinners. The Pharisees aimed by deliberate action to avoid every contact with people who did not keep the law. It was their opinion that it would be better for such people to be destroyed rather than saved. Jesus shocked them to the core with his love for and association with "sinners."

Jesus told the stories to show how God feels about people. George Adam Smith wrote of the shepherd, "On some high moor across which at night the hyenas howl, when you meet him, sleepless, farsighted, weather-beaten, armed, leaning on his staff and looking out over his scattered sheep, everyone of them on his heart, you understand why the shepherd of Judaea sprang to the front in his people's history; why they gave him name to the king and made him the symbol of providence; why Christ took him as the type of self-sacrifice." The shepherd was personally responsible for the sheep. If a sheep was lost the shepherd must at least bring home the fleece to show how it had died. Those in the flock that were safe would always be brought home on time. If one was lost the shepherd

would search for the sheep that was lost. The whole village would be upon the watch, and then, when in the distance they saw the shepherd striding home with the lost sheep, the whole community would arise and shout with joy and thanksgiving. God is as glad when a lost sinner is found as a shepherd is when a strayed sheep is brought home. Someone said, "God, too, knows the joy of finding things that have become lost."

God is so much kinder than man. The Pharisees and some of us would write off the tax-collectors and the sinners as being beyond hope, and deserving of nothing but God's wrath. Men may give up hope for a sinner but not so with God.

God loves the folks who never run away; but in his heart there is the joy of joys when one lost one is found and comes home; and it would be a thousand times easier to come back to God than to come home to the bleak criticism of men.

The woman searched for the lost coin like it was a marriage ring. It is easy to imagine the joy of the woman when at last, after cleaning the whole house, she saw the lost coin and held it in her hand.

The joy of God and all the angels when a sinner comes home is like the joy of a home when a coin which has stood between them and starvation has been lost and is found. The Jews had never admitted that God actually sought and searched for men. We believe in the seeking love of God because we see that love incarnate in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who came to seek and to save that which was lost.

The parable of the Prodigal Son should be called the parable of the Loving Father for it tells us more about a father's love and joy than a son's sin. The son deliberately went lost, callously turning his back on his father. "But the love of God can defeat the foolishness of man, the seductions of the tempting voices and even the deliberate rebellion of the heart." The joy of Christ over one sinner who repents is seen in the father's action and acceptance.

In all three parables there was human joy evidenced: the woman, the shepherd, and the father. When a sinner repents, not only is God happy, but we can share some of heaven by the knowledge that we had a little to do with the experience too.

Psalms 126:6 says "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

John 4:36 says "and he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

The joy of witnessing is important for the Christian. When one sees that sharing Christ can make a difference in one's life and salvation, it makes all the toil and sacrifice worth while.

Baptist Women Meet At Pearson For BWA Day Of Prayer

On November 5, the Baptist Women of all the churches of Pearl met with the Baptist Women of the Pearson Church at Pearl, for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer. The program presented was "He came in love, He lived in love. He died in love, He rose in love—In Action."

Mrs. Nancy Lee, director of Baptist Women at Pearson, introduced the meeting by explaining that the purpose of the day of prayer was to pray for the Baptist World Alliance. The program was presented by Miss Annette Lott who gave a moving presentation of a story told by a lady who lived in Managua at the time of the earthquake — of how all things work together for the good of those who love the Lord. Many of the 37 women present participated in prayer for missions.

Afterwards the group gathered for refreshments and fellowship.

Rev. Arnold Norsworthy is pastor of the Pearson Church.

Senior Citizen Day At Friendship (Pike)

The membership of Friendship Church, Pike County honored its older members, Sunday, November 18. A section of the sanctuary was reserved for all members 65 and above. Clifton Williams, music director of the church, led the special music.

H. G. Atwood, of Summit, a retired railroad employee and union official and presently serving as Justice of the Peace of the Fourth, and President of the Summit Rotary Club was the guest speaker for the morning worship hour. A noon luncheon was served by the Hospitality Committee. Rev. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

MC To Present "The Messiah"

The Mississippi College department of music will present three of its graduate students and one alumnus as soloists in its annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah," scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. in Nelson Auditorium.

This year's soloists are graduate students Kathryn McNair, Mildred Caccamise and Dwight Kemp. The tenor soloist will be Randolph Posey, a graduate of Mississippi College.

Mrs. McNair, a graduate of William Carey College, is presently in the Master of Music program at Mississippi College. She is the music assistant in the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and is organist at First Church, Brandon. She will be soprano soloist for the evening.

Mrs. Caccamise, familiar to Jackson audiences, also is in the graduate program at Mississippi College. She will be the contralto soloist. Mrs. Caccamise has sung recitals throughout the state and is currently soloist at St. Peter's Co-Cathedral in Jackson.

The baritone soloist is Dwight Kemp, a graduate of Mississippi College and currently in the graduate program at the college. Mr. Kemp teaches public school music at Carver Elementary - Junior High School in Raymond. He is also Minister of Music at Van Winkle Methodist Church.

Randolph Posey, an outstanding young alumnus of the Mississippi College music department, is currently minister of music at the First Presbyterian Church in Pascagoula. The "Messiah" performance is open to the public.

The devil may be in the saddle, but God is still on the throne.

Missionary's Father Dies

Funeral services for Dr. Calvin Crawford Applewhite, 86, retired U.S. Public Health officer, were held Nov. 20 in Jackson.

Dr. Applewhite, of 4911 Old Canton Rd., died Nov. 19 at St. Dominic's Hospital.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Ruth Davis Applewhite of Jackson; one daughter, Mrs. Wesley (Charlotte) Pipher of White Plains, N. Y.; two sons, Dr. Joseph Davis Applewhite of Redlands, Calif., and Dr. Calvin Winfield Applewhite, Baptist Medical Missionary, of Bukittingi, Sumatra, Indonesia; and 8 grandchildren.

Dr. Applewhite was a native of Montgomery County and received his B.S. degree from Millsaps College. He received his M.D. degree from Vanderbilt and MPH degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.

He had made his home in Jackson since his retirement in 1958.

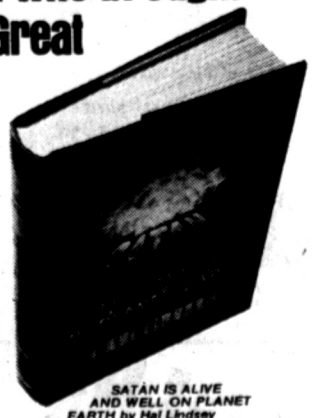
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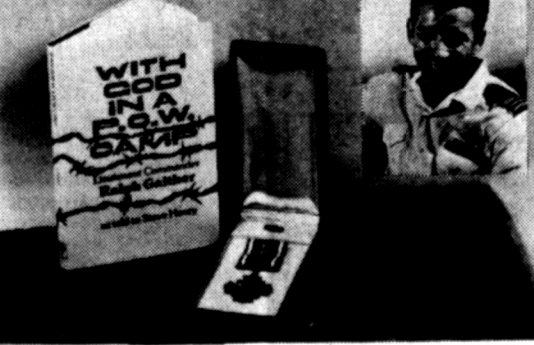
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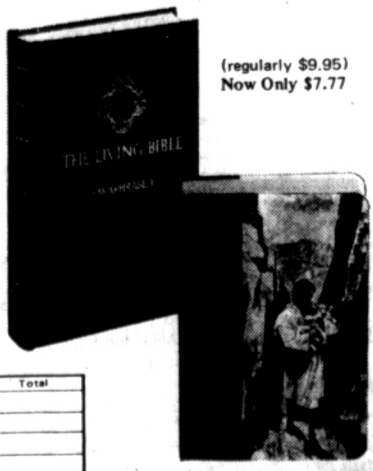


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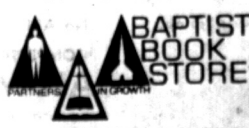


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Devotional

The Stoneship Of Christ

I Peter 2:4-10

By M. W. Hubbell, Pastor, First, Cleveland

As a twelve or thirteen-year old boy, I worked for an uncle of mine in a restaurant called Fairview. The job was not too glamorous. It offered only a pittance for pay, a white apron, and all the dishes I could wash from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In the process of working for twelve hours daily, I had the opportunity to listen to the cook talk about the stoneship of Christ. I thought her words about this subject were as apocryphal as some of her other topical sayings. Little did I know that she was a student of Peter.

Peter refers to Jesus as a living stone which sounds contradictory; but apparently Peter has in mind Jesus' resurrection and His being like a stone.

To develop the stoneship of Christ, Peter borrows words from Isaiah and the Psalms. Jesus is viewed as a cornerstone, that stone which is placed at the foundation in the angle of wall which binds two walls together. From the Psalter he borrows a thought relevant to Christ's stoneship, a rejected stone which becomes the head of the corner. And for the source of Isaiah, he compares Jesus to a stone which makes men stumble and rock that makes men fall.

From Peter's viewpoint, Christians become like Christ—living stones. They become small but significant parts of a spiritual house with infinitely greater significance than the Taj Mahal, Notre Dame Cathedral, or the Dome of the Rock.

An insurance company encourages prospective buyers to own a piece of the rock. Peter urges prospective followers to be a piece of the rock.

Baptist Church Organized For Americans In Norway

STAVANGER, Norway — not only did petroleum flourish here after the 1909 North Sea oil discovery, but a

substantial influx of American Baptists arrived to work in the oil operations.

It is estimated that already 200 Southern Baptists reside in this area — and the number is expected to increase. With this statistic in mind, an English-language mission of the Norwegian Baptist Church of Stravanger was recently organized.

Prior to the organization of the mission many Baptists were active participants in an interdenominational English-language church led by a Norwegian Lutheran pastor.

"The existence of the church caused some hesitation about beginning a Baptist program," said John D. Hughey, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Europe and the Middle East, "but it was decided that the size and growth of the American community allow ample room for both groups."

A two-member council was set up to guide the church during its primary stages of development. Members of the mission and English-speaking Norwegians will conduct services until a pastor arrives.

Lake Calls Pastor

Rev. C. H. Locklin has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Lake, in Scott County. He and his family moved on the field in September, after the completion of a new parsonage.



Mr. Locklin moved to Lake from the Edwards Church, Hinds Madison Association, where he has been pastor for five years. Mr. Locklin received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College and Th.M. degree from New Orleans Seminary. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Locklin of Long Beach, he is married to the former Dianne Hutson. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hutson of Jackson are her parents. The Locklin's have one daughter, Faith Michelle, age five and are expecting a second child in December.



First, Grenada has a group of people with several years of perfect Sunday School attendance. They are shown with the pastor, Dr. John Lee Taylor, after he had presented perfect attendance pins. As indicated on the back of the picture, they are from left, front row: Michael Bonner, 5 years; Sarah Sharp, 11 years (she has not missed a Sunday since birth); Max Bonner, 8 years. Second row is Bill Williams, III, 13 years, and the pastor, Dr. Taylor.

Rev. Truman D. Scarborough has assumed duties as pastor of Crowder Church, Crowder. He, his wife, DeLores, and daughter, Aletha, moved on the field October 4 after an almost six-year pastorate of Zion Church, Pontotoc County.

Rev. Ernest Myers, Jr., pictured, is new assistant to the pastor at Terry Church. A senior at Mississippi College, he is from Nashville, Tenn. Formerly he was youth director at Edgefield and at Riverside Churches in Nashville. Also he has served on the faculty for Adult-Youth leadership conferences during Church Training weeks at Glorieta and Ridgecrest.

Timothy Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, missionary to Vietnam, married Martha McKenzie in Bossier City, La. Herman Hayes (address: 132 Ransome St., Lafayette, La. 70501) was formerly pastor of South McComb Church, McComb, Miss.

Names In The News

Travis Nicholson was ordained as a deacon by the Tuckers Crossing Church, Laurel, on Sunday evening, October 28. Rev. John Foy, pastor, Park Haven Church, Laurel, brought the ordination sermon and Rev. B. Aaron Foy, pastor, Tuckers Crossing Church, led in the ordination prayer.

Bill Santo, former minister of music at Alta Woods Church in Jackson and presently activities director at Horseshoe Drive Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, led in a bus revival November 11-12 at Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg. During the revival many new people committed themselves to work in the Bus Ministry - Children's Church Program at Woodlawn. Monday night Mr. Santo led in a Bus Ministry - Children's Church Clinic which was attended by several churches in the Vicksburg area as well as Woodlawn. Since Mr. Santo's going to Horseshoe Drive two and a half years ago he established a bus ministry which now averages over 300 riders per week and has seen as many as 714 riders on the buses on one Sunday. Rev. Paul Brooks is pastor at Woodlawn Church.

Gary Y. Hodges has accepted a call as minister of music, education, and youth of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg. He was formerly minister of music at New Hope Church in Marion County. Mr. Hodges received his education at University of South Alabama in Mobile. He is married to the former Jo Ann Hillman and has two children, Maria and Hope. He presented a sacred concert to a packed auditorium his first Sunday night on the field. Rev. Paul Brooks is pastor of the church.



Luther Eddie Pell was licensed to the gospel ministry on November 7 by the Northview Church, Brookhaven, Rev. Harry McGuffee, pastor. Left to right above are Mr. Pell, his wife, Jean, and Pastor McGuffee.

Mike Edwards from Tupelo, a senior at Mississippi College, is new minister of music at Terry Church. He went to Terry from First Church, Utica, where he served as minister of music. He worked with Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, this past summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Barron, missionaries to Indonesia, can be addressed at J1. Imam Bonjol 28, Bukittinggi, Sumbar, Indonesia. Born in Forest, La., Barron lived in Richton, Miss., the hometown of his wife, the former Hazel Clark.

Larry E. Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lynch was licensed to the gospel ministry on Oct. 17 by First Church, Jackson, his home church. Larry, 19, is a sophomore at Mississippi College.

Rev. Jerry K. Scott has resigned as pastor of East Moss Point Church at Moss Point. He has accepted a call to Cannon Memorial Church in Central, S. C. He served at East Moss Point for 21 months. During this time there have been 107 additions to the church and the offerings were over \$75,000 this past year.



George Jenkins was recently granted a license to preach the gospel by Sebastopol Church, Sebastopol. He is a graduate of Sebastopol High School and is currently a student at Calvary Christian School, Newton. He is active in his home church including filling the pulpit on various occasions, but is available for preaching assignments. He can be contacted through his pastor, Rev. J. Herman Pilgrim, Sebastopol Baptist Church, P. O. Box 163 (telephone 625-8162).

Miss Alda Grayson, emeritus missionary who served in China and Hawaii for 39 years, died in North Carolina Nov. 10. She was 80.

Mrs. Charles Gentry presented the program at the November 6 meeting of the Ministers' Wives' Association of Clinton, held at her home. She spoke on the use of modern translations in the churches today. Linda Jackson gave the devotion from Psalms. (Mrs. Gentry's husband is pastor of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton.)

During the fall meeting of the Mississippi Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, which was held in Biloxi, Miss. Johnnie Armstrong, Head of the Department of Physical Education at Blue Mountain College, was elected president-elect of the State Association for the current year; president for 1974-75; and immediate past president for the 1975-76 session.

Dr. Mary Jane Myers, Clarke College faculty member, served as a member of the Committee of Evaluators for the National Science Teachers Association Convention, held in Norfolk, Virginia, November 8-10.

Mars Hill Dedicates Building

Dedication services for Mars Hill Church, Winston Association, were recently conducted, including a note-burning showing the church to be debt-free. The theme for the service was "Except the Lord Build." Rev. W. C. Smith, Supt. of Missions, Leake Assn., preached the sermon as he was moderator of Winston Association at the time of the groundbreaking and beginning of the building.

The actual date of the constitution of the church is unknown but in 1894 the church was represented at the Louisville Baptist Association annual meeting, according to minutes. Sometime between then and 1901 the church ceased to function but in 1901 a group who called themselves "Scattered members of different churches of same faith and order" met at Rock Hill School to begin again with quarter-time services. Few records are available, but they do show that the Pentecostal Church building burned and the Baptists permitted them to use their building. When it became necessary to build a new one, land was given with the stipulation that the building be a union church.

Sometime between 1901 and 1906 the church withdrew from Louisville Baptist Association (now Winston) and affiliated themselves with the General Association. In 1906 there were thirteen active members, but desiring to have services, they contacted Rev. M. H. Waltman, then pastor of Liberty in the adjoining community, for help. He agreed to preach for them two Saturday nights and two Sunday afternoons provided they would petition Winston Association for re-entrance. They were admitted in April, 1907. In the meantime Supt. of Missions W. B. Boatner had organized the Sunday School. After several months, Mr. Waltman because of his "first commitment" to Liberty felt he could not continue to help them. They asked Mr. Boatner to assist them; he did — also using the Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons along with his regular schedule of work. Interest was renewed and possibilities for growth were seen if regular services at regular hours could be conducted.

The small group met and after much prayer launched out by faith to build. Friends and some Christian

75th Anniversary At Merigold

Plans are being made for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Merigold Church on December 7-9. Former pastors will be the speakers the nights of the 7th and 8th, and services Sunday, the 9th. There will be a covered dish meal after the Sunday morning worship service, followed by an afternoon of singing and fellowship, during which time the history of the church will be read.

All former pastors, former members, non-resident and resident members and their friends are invited.

businessmen hearing of this venture contributed to the building fund — two have continued some each year — Frank Fair, Louisville, and Roper Covington, Noxapater. Colonel James Davis, Jackson, gave two acres for a building site and with \$5000 in hand the building was begun.

After the building was begun, the missions committee agreed for the Supt. of Missions to preach for them two Sundays in the month and he conducted prayer meeting for them on Thursday nights because of his other work.

Today a beautiful little brick building stands as a monument to the faith and sacrifice of the members — not only financially, but countless hours of labor done by both men & women on days away from their public jobs and at night later on as they did most of the work themselves — hiring only what they could not do. The building has only five rooms and a fellowship hall for educational space but two classes meet in the latter and two in the sanctuary. The building has central air and is electrically heated. For the first time in her history Mars Hill is full — time with an active Sunday School, Church Training and WMU.

There has been no "mushroom growth" but each year people have been baptized and others added. God has wonderfully blessed — the present resident membership is 70 and 12 non-resident.

Even before the building was begun, the church put 10% in the budget for Cooperative Program and associational missions and this year included 2% for Gulfshore Restoration. "To God Be the Glory" is the motto of this church.

Soon after Mr. Boatner resigned as Supt. of Missions of Winston Association, he accepted their call as pastor (interim).



"Old Fashioned Day" At First, Ripley

Sunday, October 28, was "Old Fashioned Day" at First Church, Ripley. Members of the congregation were dressed in old clothing that had gone out of style many, many years ago. Hats, bonnets, long dresses, old style shoes, caps, bow ties, vests, suspenders, overalls and many old fashioned styles were seen in the line as they filed by filling their plates with the good food after the church services.

As Dr. Clarence Stanford (pictured with the pastor, Dr. Paul Wilson and Mrs. Wilson above) and just before his mustache fell off, "This morning we turned our clocks back one hour, but looking over the congregation, it looks as if we have turned back at least one hundred years."

During the service Sunday morning, Dr. Stanford, coordinator for the day, recognized Carl Nance, Sr. as the man who had been a member of First Church the longest and Mrs. Jim Mitchell as the lady present who had been a member the longest time.

On display were antiques, old pictures, coal-oil lamps, antique cars and other items of interest. Mrs. James Mitchell brought her old "pump" organ that was used during the services.

It was a day of Sunday School, an old fashioned sermon preached by the pastor, dinner on the ground and in the afternoon, there was singing, a brief history of the church and testimonies. Mrs. John Holditch won the prize as the best dressed lady and Marlin Boyette, Jr. the best dressed man.

Blue Mountain To Offer Course In Snow Skiing!

It takes a little getting used to. There are a lot of new subjects being taught on college campuses today but SNOW SKIING in Mississippi? Now that takes a bit of explaining.

It is true, however. Blue Mountain College has become the first college in Mississippi to offer snow skiing in its curriculum. The course will be an intensive program of instruction by the French-Swiss Ski College from December 30, 1973 through January 4, 1974 at the Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Dr. Les Knight, Chairman of the Natural Science Division at the college, is innovator of the program.

Knight, who co-ordinated a similar trip for Wingate College two years ago, said, "The instructors will use

the graduated length method (GLM) which should enable most of the students to be able to parallel ski after the week is over."

Schools from all over the country are expected to be represented while the skiing instruction is taking place. Not only will participants have an opportunity to live in a ski town, they will be able to learn to ski and ice skate and visit many of the resorts in the area.

Be sure you're in tune with Jesus, for every time you open your mouth, your heart is on parade!

If your children had been given a choice of parents, would they have picked you?

Off The Record

"I wish I had enough money to buy an elephant."
"What on earth do you need an elephant for?"
"I don't. I just need the money."
—Sam Levenson

Wife to husband at the supper table: "Did you hear about that brand new car that's parked upside down?"

Husband: "No. I'd sure like to see that!"
Wife: "Then come out to the garage."
—Bob Orben

Another thing you notice in middle-age is that middle-aged people are much younger than they used to be.

A young Southern belle asked her mother, "What do you give a man that has everything?" Unhesitatingly, her mother answered, "Encouragement!"

Did you hear about the hen-pecked husband who recently gave his wife a good listening to?

The class was discussing the Boston Tea Party.

"Do you think it was right for the Colonists to throw all that tea into Boston Harbor?" asked the teacher. "No," was the unanimous reply, "they were causing pollution!"

A member of a tour, who was gazing at the Swiss mountains, said to the guide: "Where on earth did all these rocks come from?" The guide explained that they were brought down by glaciers. "But where are the glaciers?" asked the traveller. "They have gone back for some more rocks," replied the guide.

Has your tooth stopped aching? Don't know. The dentist kept it.

Kid praying: "Forgive me for the naughty things I did today and for the things I planned but didn't get done."

Come Again?
The mother of several teenagers decided to bone up on jive talk so she could communicate with the younger generation.

The next time Miss Teen Queen asked if she could "hit the flick" (go to a movie), her mother startled her with, "ask me again after you rub the tub, scour the shower, spread the bed, and swish the dish!"



Mars Hill (Winston) has a new building (top photo). The note on it has been burned (bottom photo) and it is debt-free. Left to right: Arden Stone, deacon and trustee; the pastor, Rev. W. B. Boatner; and Everett Lee, oldest living member and trustee. Inset: Spiva Keene, deacon and trustee who was unable to be present for this service because of his work schedule, but who is due much credit in the venture of faith this building represents.

Private Sponsors To Stage Nativity Scene

WASHINGTON (BP) — Yes, there will be a nativity scene at the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace this year in the nation's capital.

The big difference between this and previous religious observances around the national Christmas tree is that it will not be under governmental sponsorship, supervision and financing. Thanks to a court decision, the nativity scene will now be under private sponsorship.

Earlier, news reports said that "Jesus won't be allowed in the Christmas Pageant of Peace this year near the White House." This is not exactly what the court decision said.

On September 26 the U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed a decision of the U. S. Dis-

trict Court for the District of Columbia. The case is known as *Allen v. Morton*.

The issue of the nativity scene at the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace arose when a group of District of Columbia residents challenged the practice as a violation of the "Establishment Clause" of the First Amendment. This clause prohibits an establishment of religion in the United States.

The lower court ruled that "there was neither a religious purpose in the government's sponsorship of the pageant, nor was the primary effect of the creche that of substantial religious impact." On the question of purpose, the district judge took note of the fact that the pageant was intended "to provide a colorful event during the Christmas season which would attract visitors to Washington and thereby increase the business of local merchants."

Therefore, the district court ruled that the Pageant of Peace, including the nativity scene, does not violate the First Amendment.

The court of appeals, however, ruled that the continuation of the government's participation in the Pageant of Peace, which includes sponsorship and planning the religious activities, resulted in an excessive entanglement of government in religion. For this reason, the court of appeals issued a complicated three - pronged opinion, summarized as follows:

First, the court said that there will be no further legal problems if the creche is eliminated from the Christmas Pageant of Peace.

Second, if the creche is retained, and if the government terminates sponsorship or connection with the pageant, appropriate plaques must be erected explaining the relationships.

Third, if the creche is retained, and if the government continues connection with the pageant, new regulations must be prepared to provide for governmental neutrality and nondiscrimination.

As a result of this decision it was widely believed throughout the nation that the court "took Christ out of the Christmas pageant."

The court itself knew that its ruling would be widely misunderstood. The judges said, "This case, we unhappily surmise, is similarly disposed to perplex, confuse, and even frustrate, so sensitive and complex are the issues it presents." It took the court 51 pages to set forth the opinions of the three judges in the case.

The government has now decided to continue its participation in the Pageant of Peace and to eliminate the nativity scene from the event.

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SBC Agency Protests 'In Cold Blood'

NASHVILLE (BP) — The decision of the Columbia Broadcasting System to televise the motion picture, "In Cold Blood," has drawn protest from Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of family and special moral concerns for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

"The decision to send 'In Cold Blood' over the network (it was scheduled for Friday night, Nov. 30) runs contrary to last year's statement of CBS Vice President Thomas J. Swafford that 'CBS continues to be aware that we are guests in people's homes and we try to conduct ourselves accordingly,'" Hollis said.

"The TV airwaves belong to the people of this nation and I do not believe that Americans are going to tolerate much longer the 'gore - nography' that is being sent into homes. Somewhere we need to draw the line and start to move away from the excessive violence of our culture," Hollis said.

"CBS does itself and the nation a disservice by showing 'In Cold Blood,' Hollis said. "As a parent, I deeply resent the show... because I know that many unsupervised children will see it and receive a much - too - early initiation into the horrors of violence. As a citizen of this country, where there is already too much violence, I am appalled that CBS has chosen to show this gruesome movie which may trigger violent acts by unstable individuals," Hollis said.

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HMB Budget Is Raised To \$18 Million

ATLANTA (BP) — Because of better - than - expected income, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board raised its 1974 budget to \$18,039,210. Earlier this year the agency had adopted a budget \$666,000 short of that amount.

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the agency, said receipts from the two major sources of income — the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering — "exceeded our hopes."

Also included was added income of \$112,000 from a major foundation gift for church extension and language missions.

The \$18 million budget supports the work of 2,178 missionaries in all 50 states, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Rutledge said the Annie Armstrong Offering is "running approximately

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Home Board Honors

Alma Hunt For 25 Years Service

ATLANTA (BP) — "This has been a beautiful and joyful experience," Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union said. "And seeing yourself on the screen is far better than going to your own funeral."

Miss Hunt made the comment after seeing the multimedia presentation on her life at the Alma Hunt Appreciation Day Luncheon given by the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board during its annual fall meeting here.

The agency's board of directors, who gave Miss Hunt a standing ovation, honored her for 25 years service to the WMU and her support of the board.

Miss Hunt became WMU executive secretary in 1948. Since then she has worked together with the Home Mission Board to form a partnership which has resulted in printing and distribution of more than four million

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Board Elects New Officers For '74



New officers and an Executive Committee were elected by the State Convention Board at its Nov. 27 meeting. Seated, from left: Dr. John Lee Taylor, Grenada, recording secretary, Executive Committee; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, (ex-officio); Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, chairman Executive Committee; Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko, vice-chairman, Executive Committee. Standing: Rev. Ed Gandy, Bruce, Executive

Committee; Dr. David Grant, Jackson, convention president, (ex-officio); Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, president of Board; Rev. Gerald Buckley, Pontotoc, recording secretary of Board; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian, Executive Committee. Not shown are Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, vice-president of Board, and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, Executive Committee.

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, of Carthage, was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at its annual post-convention session held Nov. 27 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Dr. Bryson, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church of his home city, succeeds Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, who had been rotated off the Board.

Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, was elected as vice - president, with Rev. Gerald Buckley, Pontotoc, named as recording secretary.

The three officers, plus six other members elected by the board, compose the body's Executive Committee.

These six elected are: Dr. John Lee Taylor, Grenada; Glenn Perry, Philadelphia; Dr. Harold Kitchings, Kosciusko; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, and Rev. Ed Gandy, Bruce.

The Convention Board is composed of 100 members and is elected each year by the State Convention in its November meeting.

The Board then meets each year soon after its election when new officers and its Executive Committee are elected.

In addition to election of officers, to serve the coming year, the board heard reports from its new executive secretary - treasurer, Dr. Earl Kelly, of Jackson, and Dr. David Grant, Jackson, convention president, as well as the convention's Education Commission.

The body also heard reports on departments of its work.

The Executive Committee met following the Board meeting and elected officers as follows:

Chairman, Mr. Perry; vice - chairman, Dr. Kitchings, and recording secretary, Dr. Taylor.

Continental Baptist Men's Organization Is Approved

WASHINGTON (BP) — A continent-wide, self - supporting organization of Baptist men was approved by the North American Baptist Fellowship during its meeting here.

The proposal came in a report from an ad hoc committee authorized by NABF a year ago and chaired by Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission.

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33 State Conventions Set An Even-Tempered Pace

By Baptist Press

Thirty - three Southern Baptist state - level conventions, recently completed, had all the makings for acrimonious debate but ran, observers say, in a remarkably even - tempered fashion from start to finish.

That happened despite doctrinal disagreements, a computer card foulup in the election of a president, a controversy over leadership and finances

and discussion over alteration of several convention structures.

Doctrinal discussions touched seven state conventions, revolving around open communion and/or alien baptism in four of them.

"Messengers" to the Southern Baptist General Convention of California sidestepped expected heated controversy, calmly defeating six constitutional amendments which would delete prohibitions against churches accepting alien immersion or open communion.

In Kansas, messengers tabled a motion which would have deleted constitutional requirements against churches practicing alien immersion or open communion.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention messengers raised a protest over two churches. The issue on one of the churches, First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ark., which had previously

practiced alien immersion, died when messengers discovered the church, which had been denied seats on previous occasions, had sent no messengers. Messengers from First Baptist Church, Malvern, Ark., were seated after the credentials committee reported that the church was no longer in violation of the convention's constitution on open communion.

Meanwhile, the North Carolina State Convention of Baptists defeated, 1307 to 1248, a proposed constitutional amendment which would have limited messengers to those coming from churches which have only immersed members.

In Texas, Wayne Ward, a theology professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, warned in a speech that "self - appointed orthodoxy committees are the kiss of death." Ward said such a committee

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BWA Group Considers 'World' Agenda

By C. E. Bryant

WASHINGTON (BP) — The topics of world peace, relief, reconciliation and budget matters highlighted discussions at a two - day session of the Baptist World Alliance administrative subcommittee here.

Applications for membership from two new South American Baptist conventions — the Baptist Cooperative Convention of Guyana and the Baptist Convention of Bolivia — were considered favorably for recommendation to the BWA executive committee at its annual meeting next August.

The addition of these two groups would bring the BWA constituency to 97 Baptist conventions and unions in 76 countries, with a membership near 28 million.

An appeal from representatives of the Southern Baptist Mission in Israel for designation of Sunday, December 23, as a world day of prayer for peace was heard and endorsed. The appeal was tied into the BWA's current World Mission of Reconciliation and called on Baptists "to understand Jewish and Arab history, hurt and aspirations and to respect the personhood and religion of both the Arab and Jewish people."

Plans progressed for three major international Baptist meetings — the first World Conference of Baptist Men, Nov. 26-30, 1974, in Hong Kong; the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974, in the States in Portland, Ore.; and the 13th Baptist World Congress, July 8-13, 1975, in Stockholm, Sweden.

The World Conference of Baptist Men was set one week later than an-

nounced earlier at the request of Hong Kong hotels so they could accommodate the expected 1,000 conferees more adequately. Primary emphasis on attendance will be directed to laymen and to Asia.

Reports of evangelistic progress on all six continents were brought in a report by Joseph B. Underwood of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, who chairs the World Mission of Reconciliation. His report came by mail since he was working at the time of the meeting in an evangelistic emphasis in Nigeria.

Chester J. Jump, chairman of the committee on world relief, reported that emergency assistance was being given to famine victims in the Sahelian nations of Africa and rehabilitation aid was being sent to war victims in Indochina. In addition to these emergency items, the alliance maintains relief and development projects on all continents with a 1974 goal of \$423,000.

An operating budget of \$232,000 was adopted for 1974 operations of the alliance. Of this, \$167,500 is expected to come from member conventions and the balance in special gifts from churches and individuals and in miscellaneous income.

The administrative committee accepted an invitation from churches in the Virginia Beach, Va., area to hold its March 6-7, 1974, meeting here. A highlight will be an area - wide convocation at the Churchland Baptist Church of Portsmouth, the home congregation of the alliance's president, V. Carney Hargroves.

The annual meeting of the BWA executive committee and study commissions will be held at Louisville, Ky., August 6-9, 1974, on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Your Lottie Moon Gifts At Work

Meanwhile, Back On The Mission Field...

by Catherine Allen

This week Baptists are kneeling in prayer for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and are dipping into their pockets to meet the \$20,000,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Meanwhile, 2,536 missionaries in 77 countries are coping with national crises, are skimping to keep ahead of inflation, and are calling for reinforcements.

"Prayer is the best way we can aid missionaries in high tension spots of the world," said Alma Hunt, the executive secretary of Woman's Mission-

ary Union. She called Southern Baptists to intelligent prayer for missionaries. Several missions outposts have urgent prayer needs.

Missionaries to the Middle East are likely in difficulty as battle lines move in the current war. Twenty - seven Southern Baptists serve in Israel and 65 serve in Arab nations. Baptist hospitals are on emergency standby. In these tense territories missionaries are endangered not only by war, but also by embarrassing political statements made by Baptists in America. In Uganda, most missionaries re-

cently had to withdraw in the face of government pressure to rid Uganda of foreign influence. Two missionary couples and relatively inexperienced Ugandan pastors are left to keep church doors open.

In Chile, missionaries have been working and sleeping in earshot of gunfire. Some Baptists have been swept into prison mistakenly. The political fortunes of the country have been uncertain, but since the recent coup, optimistic missionaries have called for reinforcements.

Next door in Argentina, a volatile political climate could threaten the role of the missionary.

In Mexico, Baptists are coping with the effects of an earthquake which damaged properties of churches and church members.

Missionaries caught in such crossfires can best be aided by prayer, but money helps too. While financial support through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon offering has generously increased in recent year, runaway inflation in some

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Nation's Energy Shortage Not Crisis For Most -- Yet

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The possibility still exists," however, Gaddy said, "that legislation might be passed curtailing Sunday driving, other than long trips."

"Church going, when not ignored altogether, has been considered along with leisure time and the peripheral activities of life," Gaddy said in his statement. "Present proposals do not include a total ban on Sunday driving though they do give cause for alarm," he said.

Gaddy urged church members and leaders to consider the "ramification (caused by) . . . making gasoline unavailable on Sundays," and noted, "The energy crisis provides no excuse for compromising Christians' allegiance to the one institution which equips persons to deal with all crises."

"For example, consider churches across the United States who are served by 'out of town' ministers, college and seminary students, particularly where driving would require more than a single tank of gas," he noted.

Also, "Will church bus ministries have to be cut back?" he asked. With preliminary measures taken to cut back on use of energy and fuel, most Baptist leaders interviewed agreed that it was really too early to tell what overall effect the fuel and energy shortage would have on churches and denominational agencies.

A number of Baptist agencies surveyed indicated they had already cut thermostats to cooler degrees during winter months and were attempting to conserve on use of electricity.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, implemented an energy conservation plan they hoped would result in 20% reduction of natural gas and electrical usage, according to Southwestern President Robert E. Naylor.

Similar steps have been taken by other Southern Baptist agencies. A Sunday School Board spokesman in Nashville, said the fuel

shortage might "cause an inconvenience in travel" by air and car for persons in field services positions for the board and for other Baptist agencies. He anticipated no cutback in field services output, however.

The board spokesman said no problems were seen in coming distribution of literature to churches and other outlets. He expressed concern, however, that a shortage of natural gas might result in a cutback of paper production in paper mills.

"We have cut back on use of lights and heating," the board spokesman said.

Don Mabry, secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) department of survey and special studies, was conducting a study to determine the location in the Atlanta area of board employer's homes, for possible car pools, if the energy and fuel situation "gets too bad."

Oscar Romo, secretary of the Home Mission Board's language missions department, was concerned that "the energy crisis could be a serious detriment to the effectiveness of language missions, because so many of our missionaries serve in a catalytic role, requiring extensive travel to equip others and to initiate mission work." Most language missionaries have to cover extensive areas, geographically, in their work.

"There is no indication of change, so far," for the Home Mission Board's church extension department, said the department's head, F. J. Redford, "but many workers in church extensions in new work areas serve many congregations, sometimes hundreds of miles apart. A shortage of fuel could curtail this work," Redford indicated that it might accelerate greater use of lay persons in some of these areas.

Michael L. Speer, acting director of the Southern Baptist Steward-

ship Commission, hinted that a period of hardship might be a positive factor in bringing more Christians to a greater concern and awareness of God and the church.

If the energy crisis is as serious as it appears to be, Speer said, and industry is forced to cut back, decreased employment will certainly mean less available money, for example.

No one likes to think of having to do with less money Speer noted, but he saw a favorable note for Southern Baptists in terms of possible wider commitment among church members.

Southern Baptists have given more in times of depression than times of prosperity, per capita," Speer noted, "Even though the total receipts might not have been as high when the economy was tight."

Gaddy offset his warning to Baptists and political leaders, with his own note of optimism.

He said, "The coming days of winter may offer some unique opportunities for Christian ministry. . . an alert congregation can find multiple opportunities to share its resources in helpful acts of ministry carried out in Christ's name."

Gaddy cited such "helpful acts" of ministry as "assisting those with empty gas tanks and moneyless pockets. . . (providing) transportation—to and from work, school, medical appointments. . . (and aid by) local churches. . . (to) those households where clothing and shelter are inadequate and fuel supplies depleted."

Gaddy's statement was mailed to President Nixon, to Nixon's energy advisor, John Love, and to Rep. Harley O. Staggers (D.-Va.) chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, and to several other congressional leaders.

Gaddy said, "Biblically, Christians are admonished to obey the law," and . . . churchmen can demonstrate their good citizenship not only by obeying the demands of the law but by exemplary behavior while emergency legislation is being passed. . ."

"Christians can have a voice in the type of legislation passed," Gaddy continued. Observing that the United States has often been described as a land of "energy gluttons," he said, ". . . The crisis is now. What remains to be seen is what our response will be."

Private Sponsors To Stage Nativity Scene

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However, a permit has been issued to the American Christian Heritage Association to erect a nativity scene on park property adjacent to the pageant. This means that there will be a religious activity along with the Christmas Pageant of Peace, but that there will be no official connection between the two and that the religious activity will be under private sponsorship.

The American Christian Heritage Association was formed by Vaughn Barkdoll for the purpose of having a nativity scene in connection with the national Christmas tree and Pageant of Peace.

Barkdoll is a member of the First Baptist Church of Riverdale, Md., a suburb of the District of Columbia. This is an independent church not af-

iliated with the District of Columbia Baptist Convention or with the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Named as the executive director of the American Christian Heritage Association, Barkdoll is employed full time as a ramp agent at the National Airport and operates a small sports promotion business on the side. He is a former political campaign manager,

having worked for Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R.-Md.).

Tentative plans for the nativity scene call for a display 60 feet long and 28 feet deep. Barkdoll plans to use live animals but will use static figures of persons. He estimates that the cost will reach \$10,000, which he hopes to receive from donors throughout the United States.

SBC Agency --

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"If CBS shows such poor judgement as to broadcast 'In Cold Blood' in prime time, then dare we trust its judgement in other matters?"

He continued, "Evidently CBS officials think the Christian Life Commission (which opposed the network's decision to run the same film last year) and others concerned about morally offensive programs will give up the fight for media responsibility. These officials are mistaken. We will not give up. Indeed, the Christian Life Commission will redouble . . . efforts to assist Southern Baptists and other concerned Americans in the battle for healthy television programming."

Hollis "applauded the action" of WLAC-TV, the Nashville CBS affiliate, which decided against showing the movie, and said he hoped other affiliates would do the same.

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748 State Boys In Summer Camps

Nearly 400 Southern Baptist boys became candidates for mission service and more than 1900, including 51 from Mississippi, professed their faith in Christ as a result of Royal Ambassador summer camps, a denomination-wide survey shows.

Mississippi RA camps registered 748 of the 19,600 boys who attended 160 weeks of camps in 27 states. During the six weeks of Mississippi camp 10 boys volunteered for mission service.

Boys paid an average of \$21.35 for each week of camp activities. They were led by 833 staff members, many from colleges and high schools.

Camp attendance convention-wide showed a seven percent increase while the average cost of a week of camp increased only 3.5 percent.

The Convention President Speaks

In last week's column, I mentioned I would suggest some areas where I think the convention program could be improved. Well, here goes, even though I am keenly aware I am sticking my neck out.

One thing I, personally, believe would help is to substitute a scripture reading and prayer for the twenty-minute Bible study each session. I do not want to leave the impression I am anti-Bible study, but the location of this study on the program of each session leaves something to be desired from an attendance standpoint. I think our Lord would honor the devotional thought rather than the study. This would give approximately fifteen minutes per session of convention business.

Another thing that appears to me would add to the program, would be to limit each session to one major address rather than two. It is true that some sessions only had one, but others had two. When this is done, there is approximately twenty-five to thirty minutes here. Most of us benefit more from a good speaker when we are not already worn out.

Now here is the bombshell! I believe some type of break—call it a coffee break if you please—would give more of a relaxed feeling. I am keenly aware that this is extremely dangerous, but it would be worth trying.

What I am after is transacting the business of this convention in a relaxed, happy, business-like way. I feel that we must work to accomplish this purpose. I would be interested in hearing from you on it. — David Grant



No Slowing Down

ST. LOUIS — Not one to slow down because of age, evangelist Billy Graham does his daily jogging on the morning of his 55th birthday. St. Louis' Gateway Arch is in the background. Billy reached the milestone on Nov. 7. He was in St. Louis for a 10-day crusade. (RNS Photo)

Wealth Of Materials Available For January Bible Study

The time for the January Bible Study is near at hand. Hundreds of churches in Mississippi will be using this special emphasis, which has become so popular all across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adult study this year is on the book of Colossians, and already there is widespread interest in the study of this short, but tremendous New Testament book. A special textbook entitled *Colossians: Christ Above All* by Harold S. Songer, has been published by Convention Press (Baptist Sunday School Board). The author is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This book is of the type which has been prepared each year for many years as a textbook for the Bible Study. It sells for \$1.00, and is a splendid brief commentary on the book.

Many other supplemental reference materials for use with the study, have come to our attention. Among those are the following:

COLOSSIANS TEACHING RESOURCE KIT 1974 (Convention Press, \$6.00) Includes a 60 minute cassette,



Hubbell Gets Plaque

Dr. Macklyn W. Hubbell, pastor of the First Church of Cleveland, (left) is being presented a plaque in appreciation of service as a member and past chairman of the Christian Action Commission by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, at the annual Commission Dinner in Jackson Nov. 13, while Dr. Clayton Waddell, who brought the inspirational address to the group, looks on. Dr. Waddell, professor of Christian Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, for 25 years, now retired, lives in Clinton and serves part-time on the faculty of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

pages of teaching notes, a four map filmstrip, and an instruction that.) Available at Baptist Book Store.

COLOSSIANS: CHRIST ABOVE ALL — TEACHING GUIDE by John by Curtis Vaughn Zondervan, paper, 35c) A teaching guide, with helpful suggestions on how to teach the book. (We understand there also is a 35c Study Guide which could be used by class members but we have not seen that.) Available at Baptist book store.

COLOSSIANS — A STUDY GUIDE by Curtis Vaughn (Aondervan, paper, 121 pp. \$1.50) Dr. Vaughn is a professor at Southwestern Seminary, and has written this brief paper backed commentary and study guide on the book of Colossians. Available at book-store.

REVIEW AND EXPOSITOR—COLOSSIANS (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.) This Fall issue of the seminary quarterly is given entirely to articles concerning Colossians, including a chapter by chapter commentary on the book. The price for the individual copy is \$1.50. Order from the Review and Expositor, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky., 40206.

SOUTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF THEOLOGY — STUDIES IN COLOSSIANS (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas) This is the theological journal of Southwestern Seminary. The Fall 1973 issue includes several articles on Colossians. The publication sells for \$1.50 per single issue, and may be ordered from Fleming Library, SWBTS, Fort Worth, Texas, 76122.

THE SWORD AND TROWEL — FULNESS IN CHRIST — An Exposition of Colossians by James M. Bulman (Sword and Trowel, P. O. Box 6061, Greensboro, N. C. 27405) This is a study on Colossians by a North Carolina pastor, giving a careful, verse by verse study of the book. The magazine sells at \$1.00 per single copy, and may be ordered from the above address.

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST by Harold T. Bryson (Proclaim, October, November, December, 1973) Presents introductory materials, and then 16 sermon outlines covering the entire text of Colossians. Splendid material for preachers to use in preparing to preach or teach Colossians. The magazine is available from Materials Services Department, Sunday School Board SBC, 127 Ninth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn, 37234. Annual subscription, \$3.50; 61c per quarter with

Revival Dates

Wahalak (Kempers), December 7, 8, 9; services 7:30 p.m. except Sunday; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; Rev. James Spencer, pastor, Poplar Springs (Newton), evangelist; David McAuthur, Moss Point, singer; Melanie Bingham, Jackson, and Clarke College, pianist; special singers at each service: Mrs. Mike Miller of Newton, Friday night; Griffin Family of Meridian, Saturday (youth) night; Belinda Cross of Meridian, Sunday a.m.; Ginny Neal of Carrollton, Sunday night; Rev. Ronnie W. Bullard of Newton, pastor.

Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs: Dec. 12-16; Rev. Homer Martinez, fulltime evangelist from Dallas, Tex., preacher; J. T. Hannaford, minister of music at First, Moss Point, singer; Rev. Ralph Kelly, pastor.

One hour of farm labor in 1972 produced over twice as much food as it did in 1957-59. During this same time, output per manhour in nonfarm work has increased 78%.

Liquor talks mighty loud when it gets loose from the bottle.

Home Board Honors Miss Alma Hunt

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copies of some 100 books, delving into every facet of home missions.

One of Miss Hunt's most beneficial projects, a board spokesman said, has been the special offering to home missions. Since she took office, the offering has grown from \$600,000 in 1948 to more than \$6.8 million in 1973.

The offering undergirds every home missions program and ministry in the land, supplementing the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

Miss Hunt, the Southern Baptist leader with the longest years of service, has worked with three Home Mission Board executive secretaries: J. B. Lawrence, Courts Redford and Arthur B. Rutledge.

"It has been my privilege to work closely with Alma Hunt since 1965," Rutledge said at the presentation. "Those of us who know her as a person know that she lives missions —

Sunday School literature.)

OUTLINED STUDY OF COLOSSIANS by L. E. Green (L. E. Green, 4507 Fort St., Pascagoula, Miss. 39567.) Already reviewed in an earlier issue, this is a 40 page mimeographed outline study. \$1.25 per copy.)

STUDIES IN COLOSSIANS — By W. E. Denham, Sr. Five fifteen minute tape lectures, on a single tape cassette, by the Distinguished Professor of Biblical Studies and Doctrine at Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Ky. Available from Public Relations Department, Clear Creek Bible School, Pineville, Ky., 40077.

missions overseas and missions at home.

Jack Lowndes, president of the mission agency's board of directors, presented Miss Hunt with a resolution of appreciation.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary — treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, said of Miss Hunt, "She has acted as a key leader since becoming the WMU executive secretary and has sought, in an effective

way, to get women involved in missions at the local, state and world levels."

Miss Hunt spoke of the relationship that has and will continue to exist between the WMU and the Home Mission Board.

She turned to Rutledge and said, "Here is a check for \$400 from my printer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Take it and know that I am still at work."



Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, receives a resolution of appreciation from Jack Lowndes, president of the Home Mission Board of Directors. The presentation was part of "Alma Hunt Appreciation Day" given by the Home Mission Board for her 25 years service to the WMU and her support of home missions. Arthur B. Rutledge, HMB executive director, and his wife Vesta, applaud the presentation. — (Photo by Don Rutledge).

Conventions Set Even Pace

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had approached him and told him that if he could not sign a statement of faith the committee was drafting, "then you're gone."

"This kind of Gestapo-like heresy-hunting committee is one of the most ominous things to appear among Southern Baptists," he declared. Such tactics, he said, are "un-Christian, un-Biblical and unBaptistic." He said he had "gladly signed" two "voluntary statements" — the seminary's own articles of faith and the Baptist Faith and Message statement passed by the Southern Baptist Convention. He stressed the voluntary nature of these statements, as contrasted with the coerced nature of statements drafted by the self-appointed committees.

Two conventions, Florida and Alabama, also touched on doctrinal issues, passing resolutions supporting the biblical view of creation as opposed to the evolution theory that humans evolved from a lower form of life.

In other developments, messengers to the Louisiana Baptist Convention, with only one dissenting vote, deleted the word "white" from its constitutional membership requirement for churches.

Three state conventions elected black officers — Alaska, a black president, Herb Cotton, and Michigan and Texas, black second vice presidents.

Five state conventions — the District of Columbia, Hawaii, North Carolina, Alaska (Herb Cotton) and Northern Plains — elected laymen as president; two — Florida and North Carolina — selected laymen as vice presidents; and three — Florida, Northern Plains and Indiana — named women officers.

The Northern Plains Baptist Convention, however, endorsed the much-discussed resolution by Mrs. Richard Sappington on the "God-given role of women" which was passed by the 1973 Southern Baptist Convention in Portland.

The resolution presented at the Northern Plains convention, a spokesman said, was made without most messengers knowing the specific content of Mrs. Sappington's resolution.

That resolution cited "...man (as the head of the woman...)" and said "man was made not for the woman but the woman for the man, that the woman is the glory of man and as that woman should have not existed without man, henceforth, neither would man have existed without the woman..."

Messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention dispensed with a planned program to concentrate on settling a year-long controversy over convention leadership and finances.

They questioned auditors about charges of administrative mismanagement, considered motions for improving business practice, elected 17

new members of the convention's executive board, and the board authorized a procedures committee to recommend guidelines for selecting a new executive secretary to succeed Earl O. Harding, executive secretary since 1954, who died Aug. 12.

Also, messengers defeated a motion to dismiss W. Ross Edwards, editor of the Word and Way, journal of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

The convention voted to refer to its Structure and Reorganization Committee a lengthy motion calling for clearer executive board policies on conflict of interest, commingling of employee personal funds with convention funds, compliance with the spirit as well as the letter of tax and revenue laws and complete openness and full disclosure by the board on these and other matters.

On Aug. 24, the board had received a report from special auditors that serious irregularities appear in the convention's financial records for the calendar years of 1970, 1971 and 1972.

At that time the auditors stated, "The records and funds of the Missouri Baptist Convention have been maintained in an unacceptable manner, with lack of proper controls over the funds, inadequate records, lack of supporting evidence and commingling of the personal funds of the Executive Secretary with the assets of the Benevolent Fund."

Auditors Present

Representatives of both the convention's regular auditors and the special auditors were present at the convention to answer questions. One concern which emerged was the propriety of the convention borrowing \$1,040,000 from its restricted Building Fund for operations and for remodeling the convention's office building.

The convention referred to its executive board a motion to refinance this loan and pay back the Building Fund by October, 1974.

The 1972 audit of convention financial affairs also showed a \$254,654.39 excess of expenditures over income.

The computer card foulup came in Texas when first results named James Harris, a Fort Worth pastor, as president. However, Ralph Smith, an Austin pastor, became the actual president when convention officials discovered the computer had yielded false results because two incompatible types of computer cards had been mixed together accidentally.

In Kansas, messengers cheered their executive director, Pat McDaniel, a layman, for his efforts in helping pull the convention from the brink of bankruptcy with which it had been threatened for five years.

The two-state convention, which changed its name from the Kansas

Convention of Southern Baptists to the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists, voted unanimously to call in all outstanding bonds of the convention's Church Loan Association, dissolve the association and accept a letter of commitment from two banks for a loan of up to \$500,000.

The bond call solves the financial crisis, relieves the close scrutiny of the Securities and Exchange Commission and allows bondholders to receive 100 cents on every dollar invested.

Five states dealt with changes either affecting their convention structure or location.

The Northwest Baptist Convention, which encompasses Southern Baptist work in Oregon and Washington state, voted to phase out the convention's Baptist Building in Portland and develop a convention office-church program training center complex near Portland.

The Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, which covers Arizona and Nevada, referred back to committee for further study a proposal which would have radically restructured the

convention by placing it and its institutions under one executive director-treasurer.

In Georgia, messengers to that convention approved construction of a major \$5.5 million Baptist Administration Center on the northeastern edge of Atlanta.

The Baptist State Convention of Michigan granted approval for an undetermined relocation of the body's administrative offices from inside Detroit possibly to a suburb.

The District of Columbia Baptist Convention's outgoing president, James M. Windham, declared that the convention's attempt at dual alignment with American Baptists and Southern Baptists has not worked. He proposed models for change, including possible conversion to a metropolitan association.

In his report to the convention, the day after Windham spoke, D. C.'s executive secretary, James Langley, said, "Rather than dual alignment having been found not to work it has been found difficult and not seriously tried by many of us as individuals and churches."

Mid-South Bus Outreach Clinic To Be Held At Parkway, Jackson

All church staff members, Sunday School, and bus team workers, and others interested in bus outreach are invited to attend the Mid-South Bus Outreach Clinic to be held at Parkway Church of Jackson.



Washburn

Outreach Clinic to be hosted by Parkway Church of Jackson. The clinic will begin on Thursday, January 24 at 7 p.m. and conclude Sunday, January 27 at 1:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the

lenced: visiting on bus routes on Saturday, riding buses on Sunday morning, and observing Sunday School and children's worship services.



Spooner

Program personnel will include Landrum P. Leavell, Wichita Falls, Texas; Eldon M. Boone, Supervisor of Preschool Section; Sunday School Board, Nashville; Harold C. Marsh, Supervisor, Extension Activities Section, Sunday School Board, Nashville; James K. Pierce, pastor, Denham Springs, Louisiana; Elsie Rives, Consultant, Children's Section, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Bernard Spooner, Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas; A. V. Washburn, Secretary, Sunday School Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville; and D. Lewis White, Bus Outreach Consultant, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Rev. John Hubbs, pastor, McDowell Road Church, Jackson; Mrs. Nan Grantham, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; Rev. Durrell Makamson, Broadmoor Church, Jackson; and Don Blackwell, Chief Security Officer, Mississippi Senate, Jackson.



Education Commission Names Officers

New officers for the coming year were elected by the Convention's Education Commission at its meeting last week in Jackson. From left: Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, chairman; Dr. Bill Baker, Clinton, recording secretary, and Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville, vice-chairman.



Commission Honors Retiring Chairman

Dr. Levon Moore, of Pontotoc, (third from left), on Dec. 4 received a plaque in recognition of his service as chairman of the Education Commission from 1971-73. Presenting the plaque is Dr. J. B. Young, Ellisville, vice-chairman. At left is Dr. Gordon Sansing, Meridian, commission member, with Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton, commission secretary, at right.

Continental Men's Group

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sion, mission education organization for men and boys.

The motion for adoption, made by McCullough, was seconded by Mrs. Lawrence (Letha) Casazza, president of the North American Baptist Women's Union. The continental women's group was organized 21 years ago and has long sponsored cooperative projects for North American women.

A Pan American Union of Baptist Men, encompassing all the Americas, already exists, but Owen Cooper, Southern Baptist Convention president and president of the Pan American Union, said a North American organi-

zation would permit a stronger focus of activity within both South America and North America.

A BWA spokesman said, "It is assumed the new men's organization will be allied with the men's department of BWA as the North American Baptist Women's Union is an integral part of the BWA women's department."

Cooper and Floyd Harris, both officers of the worldwide men's group, participated in discussions of McCullough's committee. David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong is BWA men's department chairman.

Nearly two billion metal tubes are used each year for the packaging of thousands of products, according to the Metal Tube Packaging Council.

Youth Convention To Feature Blaylocks Of Kentucky

George and Jean Blaylock, to be the featured musicians for the Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention, are from Frankfort, Kentucky where he serves as minister of music.

They have entertained in many states for banquets, youth retreats, and other events, and were featured at Ridgecrest during Music Week, Church Recreation week, and Baptist Student Week. They have performed for two governors while in Kentucky as well as many civic and church events.

George's nickname is "Barney" because of his likeness and imitations of Don Knotts. He plays the guitar along with his humorous monologues. Jean adds beauty, not only in looks but as a singer. She is the serious partner in the duo. Both have dedicated their lives to serving the Lord not only in music but also as entertainers.

The Youth Convention will begin on December 27 with registration at 5:30 p.m. The first session is scheduled for 7. Morning, afternoon and night sessions on December 28 are also planned. All of the convention will be held at the Jackson Municipal Auditorium. Registration for the meeting is \$2.00.

The convention is sponsored by the Church Training, Church Music and Evangelism Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



George and Jean Blaylock

"Christmas Sparkles At The Village" Set For 7:30 P. M. December 7 And 8

For the ninth consecutive year, the Department of Music of The Baptist Children's Village will present CHRISTMAS SPARKLES AT THE VILLAGE, a choral concert by a mixed choir of 140 Village boys and girls. Performances will be staged at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7 and again on Saturday, December 8, according to an announcement released by Mrs. Jan Nix, director of music at the Children's Village. As in previous years, the concerts will feature music of the holiday season, both sacred and secular, in Hester Activities Building on the Jackson campus of The Baptist Children's Village, located at the intersection of Flag Chapel Drive and West Northside Drive.

Described as a "choral Christmas card," the concerts have inspired and entertained thousands of people since the occasion was first instituted in December of 1965, and has reportedly become one of the feature attractions of the Christmas season in the Jackson area. Crowds estimated

as totaling 4,000 persons attended the 1972 performances when, for the first time, the concert was staged on two different nights.

A completely new program of inspiration and entertainment has been announced for the 1973 performances featuring the combined choirs, the Primary Choir, the Junior Choir, The Teen Choir and "The Villagers" — all from the Village's Department of Music.

The Baptist Children's Village has again announced that there is no charge for these performances and all friends of the Village and its children and all friends of children's music at Christmas are invited to attend on either Friday, December 7 or Saturday, December 8. According to Mrs. Nix, "This is just about our favorite way of saying, 'thanks to you for caring'."

The Baptist Children's Village is an official agency of Mississippi Baptist Convention, operating a home for dependent children and a general child care service.

Pascagoula's Calvary To Present Original Christmas Musical Drama

The Sanctuary Choir of Pascagoula's Calvary Church invites the public to relive with Mary the life of her Son from cradle to cross by attending an original dramatic musical entitled, "Mary Remembers" Sunday December 9, at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Laurie Burkes, author of "The King Is Coming" script, has written this script and assisted Mrs. Byron Mathis, choir director, in developing the music and drama for the program.

Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, and evangelist Buddy Mathis will serve as character narrators for the dramatic scenes. Much art work in the form of backdrop paintings for the stages and choir area has been painted by public school art teacher and a member of the sanctuary choir, Curtis Makamson.

Accompanists for the program are:

Mrs. Annette Graham, pianist, and Mrs. Ruby Higdon, organist.

Heading the main committees are: Dramatic — Mrs. Frances Merritt, Mrs. Mary Ellen Weaver, Mrs. Wanda Stokes; Props and Staging — Ed Posey and Owen Stokes.

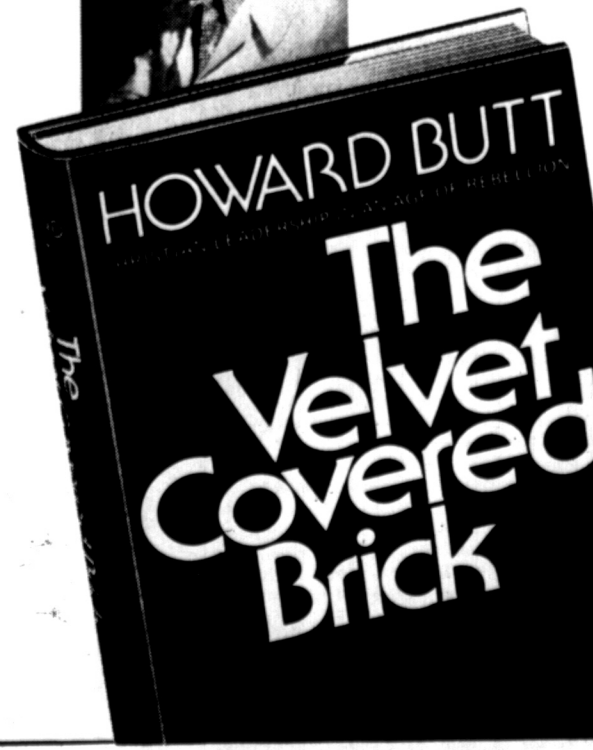
Rev. Byron Mathis is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Names Weber

LUBBOCK, Tex. (BP) — Jaroy Weber, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., has accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church here, the second largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Weber, current president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, has served the Dauphin Way Baptist Church since 1966 and held previous pastorates in Texas and Louisiana.

"For those who really mean business with God"



Says Howard Butt of *Christianity Today* in his advance review of the great new book by Howard Butt. In it, the dynamic Texas executive and lay preacher goes to the core of today's leadership crisis and dares to say that the solution lies in reactivating the traditional Christian principles of authority and submission. His book demands real change—change that can only come from a reintroduction of these timeless ideas today. THE VELVET COVERED BRICK confronts head-on the problem of what valid Christian leadership means in a day of rebellion.

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How Mississippi Baptist Work Is Done

"It will not be long until the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be a \$10,000,000 operation. This has to be considered 'big business'."

With words something like these Business Manager A. L. Nelson told members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, what they could look forward to in the convention work within the next few years. The board was in session in Jackson.

Total offerings moving through the board offices this year are expected to pass \$8,500,000. This will include over \$5,500,000 for the budget (Cooperative Program) and about \$3,000,000 in designated funds. This latter amount is comprised largely of such funds as the Lottie Moon Offering (Foreign Missions), the Annie Armstrong Offering (Home Missions), and other special gifts.

This is the Lord's money, given by Mississippi Baptist churches for His work, and requires responsible administration. How is it done? How does the Mississippi Baptist Convention operate?

Last week the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board held its annual post-convention meeting, and as one sat in the session, he saw something of how the convention does its work.

With a total membership of around 560,000 in almost 1900 churches, it is obvious that every individual member, or even every church, cannot have a voice or a vote in every action or decision.

Yet, the convention operates in a democratic manner as far as it is humanly possible to do so. It is made up of messengers, who have been elected by the churches.

This convention sets the general policies, determines the goals, and makes the major decisions. It chooses representative groups to handle the details of the work.

The convention names a State Mission Board to direct its mission program. It was the annual post-convention meeting of this board which was held last week.

The convention also chooses boards of trustees to direct the affairs of its institutions and agencies, and commissions and committees to carry on specific programs.

Since all of these boards, commissions and committees, are elected by the convention, they are responsible only to the convention, and through to convention to the churches. The churches, through their elected messengers, have the final say in determining what work shall be done, and how it shall be done.

The largest board named by the state convention is the State Convention Board. It has 100 members, one from each of the state's 76 associations, and

24 at-large members. All are elected by the convention, although the associations nominate persons to represent their area. At-large members are nominated by the convention's nominating committee, which makes an effort to give fair representation to the more densely populated areas of the state.

The convention board has at least three annual meetings, and is subject to call for special meetings should the need arise. At the post-convention meeting each November it chooses an executive committee which meets monthly to supervise and carry on the work. This committee consists of nine members, three of whom must be the elected officers of the Board.

The convention board is responsible for missionary activities, church program assistance, etc., but has no authority over a single church, or over any other board, commission, or agency of the convention. It handles all of the money given for the work of the convention, but can spend it only as authorized by budgets adopted by the convention itself. When the convention has set its budget, then every dollar must be distributed exactly as the convention has directed. Moreover, the convention board has nothing to say concerning how the other institutions and agencies use their funds. This is decided by the elected boards of trustees.

The convention board does have responsibility in the areas which have been assigned to it. There are various departments such as the Sunday School, Church Training, Evangelism, Stewardship, etc. There are twelve of these departments when we count the business office.

For the actual operation of these departments, the convention board elects the executive committee, an executive-secretary treasurer, and department directors, associates, and secretaries or other clerical workers.

All of these departments are housed at the Baptist Building in downtown Jackson. This is the nerve center for all Baptist convention work in the state, although most institutions and agencies are located elsewhere.

Agencies housed in the Baptist Building which are not under the convention board control, are the Christian Action Commission, the Baptist Foundation, and the Annuity Board Representative. The first two, have their own boards of trustees elected by the convention, while the latter is chosen by the Annuity Board in cooperation with the convention board's executive-committee, and works very closely with the convention board.

Other institutions not located in the Baptist Building are the four colleges, the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, the Baptist Hospital in Memphis which is controlled by trustees from the states of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, and the Baptist Children's Village.

Other agencies of the convention are

the Education Commission, which seeks to coordinate the education program of the convention, the Historical Commission and the Board of Ministerial Education. The Historical Commission has offices and a depository at Mississippi College, and the Board of Ministerial Education provides assistance for ministerial students on the Baptist campuses.

The Baptist Record is owned by the convention Board and is a part of its operation, but also has a convention elected Advisory Committee, which has no control of the publication, but is used in advisory capacity as needed, and also can represent the convention in matters relating to the publication, should the need arise.

Thus we see the whole organization of the Mississippi Baptist Convention program. Boards, agencies and institutions, all appointed or established to do the Lord's work as the churches want it done, and depending upon the churches for support.

All money for the support of the budget is sent to the convention board offices. This is called the Cooperative Program. There the portion which the convention has voted to keep for work within the state, is channeled to those objects, while that which is to be used for support of Southern Baptist Convention objects is sent on to Nashville. From there it is distributed to the various S.B.C. agencies, as that convention has voted for the distribution to be. Both the state and the national offices, also are channels through which the designated gifts move, but they also are sent on to the designated objects.

The convention board keeps no funds for itself, other than those assigned to it in the adopted budget, or designated funds which churches or individuals may give for its work.

Working under the operating budgets, each department and agency receives its share of the incoming gifts.

One of the relationships of Baptist life, which other people have difficulty in understanding, is the fact that all support of the work is on a voluntary basis. No church is assessed one penny, and every dollar which is given comes without any pressures or demands being made of any church. It is amazing, yet it is done work.

As one sits in a convention meeting, a board meeting, or a committee or commission meeting, and senses the unity and purpose of those who have responsibility for the operation, and then considers the individual agency or institution, in relation to the whole, he quickly recognizes how strong is the force which binds us.

It is the Lordship of Christ, which undergirds the whole Baptist program. The system works because of faith, and dedication of people, who do love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Under this banner, Baptists continue to advance for the glory of God.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:
ATONES FOR THE SOUL...LEV. 17:11
BRINGS US INTO THE COVENANT OF GRACE...MATT. 26:28
CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN...I JOHN 1:7
DELIVERS GOD'S PEOPLE FROM JUDGMENT...EX. 12:13
EVERLASTING IN ITS VALUE...HEB. 13:20
FURNISHES THE ONLY GROUND OF PEACE WITH GOD...COL. 1:20
GIVES US ACCESS INTO HIS PRESENCE...HEB. 10:19-21
HAS ALREADY OBTAINED FOR US REDEMPTION...EPH. 1:7
IMPARTS ETERNAL LIFE...JOHN 6:54
JUSTIFIES US IN THE SIGHT OF GOD...ROM. 5:9
KEEPS US IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES...HEB. 9:22-26
LINKS US TO GOD'S ELECTING PURPOSE...I PET. 1:2
MAKES US NIGH TO HIM...EPH. 2:13
NEVER NEEDS TO BE OFFERED AGAIN...HEB. 9:12
OVERCOMES THE POWER OF SATAN...REV. 12:11
PURCHASES US...ACTS 20:28
QUENCHES THE RIGHTEOUS WRATH OF GOD...ROM. 3:25
REDEEMS US FROM OUR STATE OF RUIN...I PET. 1:18,19
SPEAKS TO GOD AND TO US OF SALVATION...HEB. 12:24
TUNES THE VOICES OF THE SAINTS IN HOLY SONG...REV. 5:9
UNITES US IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNION...I COR. 10:16
VICTORIOUS OVER TRIBULATION...REV. 7:14
WASHES US FROM EVERY STAIN...REV. 1:6
Y-IAN'S HOPE, IS THE...I TIM. 1:1
YIELDS THE PRICE THAT BOUGHT THE CHURCH...ACTS 20:28
ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS, MAKES US...TITUS 2:14



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Dear Cooper,

Each year around Thanksgiving Mississippi Baptist laymen have a unique opportunity to share — an opportunity that is specific in destination, personal in nature and urgent in need. The program to furnish each pastor in Montana, our adopted home mission state, with a new suit of clothes for Christmas is now in full swing. For the past several years this has been a highlight in the Christmas of these dedicated men, many who are serving at great personal sacrifice. If the truth were known the average Mississippi layman would be surprised to learn that some of the pastors in Montana are able to dress as nicely as they do only because of this gift each year.

It is impossible for these men to interpret the depth of their feeling of gratitude so I would like to try to say a simple 'thank you' for them. I feel that in some small way I am able to speak for them because I know the need and I know how deeply appreciative they are because for some nine and a half years I was one of them. I was proud and grateful to Mississippi laymen when I served in Montana and I am proud of and grateful to Mississippi laymen now that I am back in my native state. May God continue to bless this unique ministry. Robert E. Wall, Clinton. Former pastor, Kalispell, Montana.

On The MORAL SCENE...

BORN TO FAIL? — For the past 15 years Britain's National Child Development Study has periodically measured the growth and maturation of every child born in England, Scotland, and Wales from the third through the ninth of March 1958. An ideally random sample of more than 15,000 children from every kind of home and background has been involved. The study's most dramatic report yet came this fall. The bureau issued a chilling comparison of disadvantaged and ordinary children called "Born to Fail?" The bureau discovered that in its sampling one child is 16 (8%) was socially disadvantaged. By the bureau's cautious definition, a disadvantaged child is one who lives below the poverty line, is badly housed, and either has only one parent or is one of five or more children. This hapless group compared unfavorably with the "ordinary" children in the sampling in virtually every way — physically, intellectually and socially. The bureau concluded the report recommending "strong efforts to divert public resources from 'technological progress' and into direct expenditures that will raise low incomes and improve poor housing. . . . Asks the report: 'Are we more interested in a bigger national cake so that some children get a bigger slice eventually — or are we ready for disadvantaged children to have a bigger slice now, even if as a result our personal slice is smaller?'" — (Time, November 12, 1973)

Materialism And Family Life — "Just over a year ago, Better Homes published the results of its survey on American family life. Of all the fascinating, complex, sometimes paradoxical findings in that report, none was more striking than the answer to this question: 'What do you feel is the single greatest threat to family life in America today?'" Materialism was cited by more than 125,000 readers (37%). "As a cause of concern it ranked three times higher than crime. Why this pervasive worry about materialism? We are, after all, the world's most conspicuous consumers. In 1971 alone, we Americans bought 6.3 million color TV sets; 4.6 million washing machines; 5.6 million refrigerators; 7.9 million vacuum cleaners; 5.5 million power lawn mowers; and 8.2 million radios, not to mention 2.7 million corn poppers." (From



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

The other morning as I returned from taking a boy to school, three cars ahead of me were held up by a stop sign before they could get on to busy North State Street. My stopping behind the third one put my car smack on the railroad tracks. An eerie feeling enveloped me, though there wasn't a train in sight from either way. Nevertheless, I thought, Boy, this is dumb — I'm stopped here on the tracks and hemmed in from all sides; if a train should suddenly appear, I'd be in big trouble.

You may not agree with the analogies, but these clicked through my mind as I sat there, probably a full minute, until I could pull my car off the tracks, quite relieved.

Click: a person stops on the tracks of drugs, though addiction for him is not anywhere in sight — just a few kicks, or help through a time of difficulty, or coping with simple things, day by day.

Click: the same is true with a person stopping on the tracks of alcohol, not seeing himself ever becoming a problem drinker or an alcoholic.

Click: stopping on the track of flirtation though infidelity is not in sight.

Click: stopping on the tracks of hate with no murder in sight.

Click: stopping on the tracks of doubt with no cynicism or atheism in sight.

Click: stopping on the tracks of laziness without a failure in sight.

Stopping on any of these tracks, and others you may think of, should give us the same eerie feeling as being on a railroad track with the possibility of being hemmed in.

Wonder why we stop on these tracks? Getting hemmed in on them has happened to folks I know before the folks even realized they were getting hemmed in.

Yet the train that wasn't in sight whammed into them. Just like a car was hit by a train that very afternoon at the very crossing on which I was stopped that morning.

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Myles Calum, Better Homes and Gardens, November, 1973)

Zero Population Growth — For the first time the United States birthrate has dropped below the so-called replacement level necessary to achieve zero population growth. "According to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare the birthrate declined for 10 consecutive months, including the first nine months of 1972. This is below the 2.1 figure necessary for eventual zero population growth. "According to demographers, if the United States can maintain a 2.1 fertility rate for 70 years, the population will stop growing after it reaches 320 million. The population now is just over 209 million. The estimated number of births in 1972 was the lowest total since 1945." — (The Baptist Faculty Paper, Fall 1973)

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NEWEST BOOKS

Criswell Biography Is Story Of Courageous Leadership

W. A. CRISWELL — THE AUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY by Billy Keith (Revell, 224 pp., \$5.95) "The story of a courageous and uncompromising Christian leader." These words which appear on the jacket, tell the story of what is in this book. His boyhood and youth, his education, his development as a leader, his early pastorates, all are told in a brief but engaging manner. One sees the faith and sacrifice of a godly mother who believed in her sons, and he sees the hand of God preparing a man for tremendous leadership responsibilities. Most of the book, is given to the ministry at First Baptist Church, Dallas, for only 59 pages are given to the earlier segment of his life, while beginning at page 60 the remainder of the book concerns Dallas and his life and ministry after going there. The readers gets an inner glimpse at the man himself, but also learns of the call, the growth as a pastor and leader, and the development into the internationally-known preacher, denominational leader, and writer that he is today. Biography is one of the richest sources of inspiration, challenge and spiritual strength, and to live with Dr. Criswell through the pages of this book will bring spiritual blessing to every reader. Furthermore, it will provide hours of enjoyable reading. A number of photographs depicting various phases of this great pastorate are included. Thousands who have heard Dr. Criswell, or read his books, will find rich blessing in this new volume, but even those who do not know him, will be richly rewarded for reading of this man.

CHRISTMAS, An American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Vol. 43, edited by Randolph E. Haugen (Augsburg, 68 pp., \$2.25 paper, \$4.25 deluxe cloth edition) This is the 43rd edition of one of America's favorite holiday publications. From the full-color nativity scene on the cover to the very last page, this is one of the most distinctive collections yet — of Christmas literature, art, and music. The contents include the Christmas story from the gospels, with full-color illustrations; the story of Chartres Cathedral; the star of Bethlehem, from the viewpoint of a well-known astronomist;

Christmas poems; drawings of Christmas in the country; bright illustrations of Christmas customs in seven European countries; the story of Nurnberg, German City of Toys; a music section with three new Christmas songs; and countless other Christmas art treasures. This book would make an ideal gift.

FROM THE ASHES OF HELL by Cannon Cole (Creation House, \$4.95, 264 pp.) Although it reads like a novel, this story is true — the story of a woman's participation in parties where marriage partners are traded. Eventually she ascends from degradation and immorality to forgiveness and re-creative life in Christ.

REPAIR MY HOUSE by Glen Williamson (Creation House, 173 pp., \$4.95) The fictionalized biography of a youth of the 13th century — Francis of Assisi. Long identified with the Roman Catholic church, Francis of Assisi was a gentle man who loved all creatures and who genuinely wished to imitate Christ. He is still a popular character today. (The author of the biography is a Methodist.)

INVOLVING PEOPLE IN REACHING PEOPLE by Frank Foutch and Eugene Skelton (Convention Press, paper, \$1.50, 56 pp.) Frank Foutch, minister of education of First Church, Houston, Texas, tells something of the "mighty program of outreach and evangelism" that has been going on in his church. He also writes of his experiences in First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma, where he and his pastor, John Bisagno, effectively served together before going to Houston. Since many other churches are experiencing similar stirrings of the Holy Spirit, Eugene Skelton, editor of "The Reaching People Series," has worked as co-author, telling what's happening in other churches as they reach out and witness to people.

FISHERS OF MEN by Anita Bryant and Bob Green (Fleming H. Revell, 156 pp., \$4.95) Anita Bryant and her husband, Bob Green, became a part of the "fisherman" ministry of Northwest Baptist Church in Miami. Motivated by their decision to witness personally

for Jesus Christ, they plunged into the ministries described in this new book. These include the Anita Bryant Summer Camp for Girls; Anita's Sunday school class; Bob's powerful witness to his ailing father; a Sunday school bus ministry to which Bob and the children contributed a bus in Anita's name; Bob's "at-home" witnessing; Anita's public witness at the funeral service of Lyndon B. Johnson. Along with discussion of their soul-winning activities, Anita and Bob share the effective witnessing techniques they have learned to use. Anita says she finds "2-by-2" witnessing particularly successful and also points out advantages of small group dynamics. Bob considers various aspects of "man-to-man" witnessing and from his own experiences tells how not to turn people off. It is the hope of both Bob and Anita that this book will lead many more Christians to the joy and fulfillment of winning souls for Christ.

FORMULA FOR FITNESS by Richard E. Hunton (Broadman, paper, 160 pp., \$1.95) Since God created man in his own image, then he expects both spiritual and physical fitness in man: In *Formula for Fitness*, a medical doctor develops this thesis in a forceful and interesting manner. He discusses such topics as "make the most of what you are"; all work and no play; exercise; diet; alcohol; tobacco; the control of thoughts; the annual check-up; keeping fit in the golden years; and "you are what you believe."

SPEAKING ANONYMOUSLY by Harry Foster (Christian Literature Crusade, paper, 157 pp., \$1.25) This is a most unusual book of devotionals based on thoughts about unnamed Bible characters. For example, some of those included are the rich young ruler, Lot's wife, Noah's wife, the Philippian jailer, the Ethiopian eunuch, the bridegroom at Cana, the woman of Samaria. . . . The author notes, "It is possible that God intends us to observe the type rather than the personal name, for such people must inevitably represent groups of mankind."

In the Spirit of Christmas



LOTTIE MOON, missionary to China, 1873-1912.

A century ago, just before Christmas, 1873, Charlotte Diggs Moon arrived by ship in North China.

All her years in China, Lottie Moon pioneered Christian witness beyond the cities. She continuously pled with fellow Baptists at home to provide more support for sharing the Gospel. More workers. More funds to underwrite their labor. So effective was her persistent ministry that still today her life symbolizes missionary compassion, still inspires missionary advance — into all the world.

Now famous among Southern Baptists as a missionary milestone is her letter published in the December 1887 issue of the FOREIGN MISSIONS JOURNAL. In this she suggested that the week before Christmas be an observance of prayer and giving for the expansion of the Gospel witness at home and overseas.

During this centennial year of the beginning of Lottie Moon's ministry in China, Southern Baptists have before them the challenge of a \$20 million goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. This offering reflects a corporate and deliberate commitment to tell the good news of the Gospel everywhere.

Today the smallest congregation, and the largest, participate in worldwide Gospel outreach because of the common desire to do together what no one congregation can do alone. In this labor of love, missionaries and supporting congregations share the truth of the Gospel in all possible ways. And by the cooperative efforts of all the churches the missionary witness continues in the name of the Prince of Peace... in the spirit of Christmas.

Lottie Moon: Mischievous Child Became Famous Baptist Missionary

By Teena Andrews
For Baptist Press

Lottie Moon was not a particularly pious youngster. On the contrary, she had a rather mischievous streak, especially when it came to religion.

People who knew her as a child wouldn't have dreamed that in 1873, the centennial year of her departure as a missionary to China, Southern Baptists would commemorate her name in their annual Christmas offering for foreign missions and Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 2-9.

For example, when Lottie was a student at a private school for young women, a new, rather "green" girl came to the school. Lottie immediately took the newcomer under her care.

"Mr. H. is a Baptist, you know, and this is a Baptist school," Lottie told the girl. "Every girl that comes here has to be baptized at the Baptist church the Sunday after arrival."



GIRLS' SCHOOL, TENGCHOW... "Four days in the week I must visit day schools and examine the pupils, or hear them examined" —Lottie Moon.

The girl protested, but Lottie insisted, "It is a rule of the school and Mr. H. will be awful mad if you make any fuss about it. There's no time to lose."

"You will be baptized day after tomorrow, and you had better go see Mrs. H. about what dress you must wear."

The girl went off to find Mrs. H., where she discovered that no such rule existed. Lottie had merely played a joke on her.

Later, when she was a master of arts candidate at Albemarle Female Seminary in Charlottesville, Lottie's thoughts turned to a more serious vein. She declared her faith in Christ during a Baptist revival in Charlottesville and was baptized. The "call" to foreign missions for Lottie Moon came while she was teaching at a girls' high school in Cartersville, Ga.

In 1873, she was appointed as a missionary to China. She arrived just before Christmas 1873.

Miss Moon first tried to organize a girls' school in the city of Tengchow, China, but soon moved into the small country villages.

A few years after Miss Moon arrived in China, her sister Edmonia, also a missionary in China, became ill. Lottie Moon accompanied her sister home.

When Lottie Moon returned to China, a young professor whom she had dated while in school in the USA rekindled the relationship. At first, Miss Moon considered returning to the United States to marry him, but she changed her mind.

"God has first claim on my life and, since the two conflicted, there could be no question about the result," she said later.

Not until the new missionaries arrived and were trained did Miss Moon take her first regular furlough. She had not been home in 14 years.

When she returned to China, Miss Moon found that the attitude of many Chinese had changed.

Wars and revolutions caused increasing poverty and famine in China. Times grew harder as Lottie Moon grew older. Once called "Devil Old Woman" she was now, "The Heavenly Book Visitor." She unselfishly gave all her savings and salary for relief to the Chinese people because the Foreign Mission Board was badly in debt and couldn't help at that time. If the people were starving, Miss Moon felt she should not eat either.

She was dying from starvation when a Southern Baptist missionary doctor in China sent her back to the States, hoping to save her life. Help came too late, and Lottie Moon died in 1912, en route to her last furlough.

One hundred years ago when Lottie Moon went to China, Southern Baptists were supporting 18 missionaries in three countries. Now they have more than 2,500 missionaries in 77 countries. The goal for this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions is \$20 million.

Up to the present time the annual offerings have provided \$27,464,705.14 for Baptist missionary work outside the USA.

The Lottie Moon who sacrificed her life for the Chinese people came a long way from the girl who jestingly spoke of baptism to her school friend. Southern Baptists likewise have come a long way in mission work and support, partly because of the inspiration from her life.

"Is not the festive season, when families and friends exchange gifts in memory of the Gift laid on the altar of the world for the redemption of the human race, the most appropriate time to consecrate a portion from both abounding riches and scant poverty to send forth the good tidings of great joy into all the earth?"

The goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions during this centennial year of the beginning of Lottie Moon's ministry is \$20 million.



STUDENTS TODAY... Ministries with students are still a vital part of the foreign missions efforts of Southern Baptists. Though methodology may change, the message of Jesus Christ remains the same whether in China of 1873, or (above) Mexico of 1973.



"SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN..." Missionary Frances Greenway, in the same Christian spirit as her missionary predecessor Lottie Moon, ministers to physical and spiritual needs of children in Rhodesia.

Meanwhile, Back On The Mission Field...

(Continued From Page 1)

countries is nipping at buying power.

Maintenance of 2,528 missionaries requires high finance — \$68 per minute, and \$98,155 per day last year.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has repeatedly urged Baptists to exceed the \$20,000,000 goal for the Christmas offering not only to cushion the inflation bite but to keep up missions expansion.

"A missionary to Ivory Coast told me that his grocery bill alone was a greater than the total amount of support he received last month," Cooper said. "Imagine feeding a family of five when a can of tomatoes costs \$1.24 and a gallon of ice cream cost \$16.00. Imagine the strain on missions funds to keep ahead of such prices."

Ivory Coast Might Be Typical

"Ivory Coast might be typical of many other countries tomorrow. Inflation will depreciate our dollar about six percent this year. If we do not increase the offering more than six percent, we're not keeping up with our purchasing power," Cooper said.

Cooper, who has traveled among foreign mission fields extensively since becoming SBC president, said that Baptists have more money to give than they did ten years ago, but that percentage-wise they are not giving as much. Ten years ago Southern Baptists gave 2.2 percent of their total income to all church and convention causes. Last year the percentage had drifted down to 1.8 percent.

"We should not be losing ground like this," Cooper insisted. "Twelve million of us ought to exceed the offering goal without having to be prodded."

Though percentage figures show that Baptists are not giving as generously as they once did, their combined gifts do make it possible for the Foreign Mission Board to keep the lead position among missionary sending bodies. While other denominations are having to cut back on foreign missions because of lack of funds, Southern Baptists can expect to field 250 new missionaries this year, and can hope to have a total of 3,000 under appointment by 1980.

The only problem is that these appointments will fall far short of mis-

sionaries' pleas for reinforcements.

According to Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, 900 new missionaries are needed right now in the Baptist network. But even if funds were available to send 900, volunteers are not available.

Cauthen said that he hopes the week of prayer will inspire many persons to answer God's call to missions careers.

"Although the dollars given during the week of prayer and the Lottie Moon offering cause praise and thanksgiving, the spiritual blessings are more important," he said.

Having missionaries available makes possible expansions such as the

opening of the seventy-seventh Southern Baptist mission field. Last August Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Palmer arrived in the Niger Republic to establish a Christian trade school. They hope not only to fill a need for vocational training in this developing African nation, but to provide an understandable Christian witness among the Muslim population.

Volunteers are urgently needed to relieve the desperate medical personnel shortage at the Baptist Hospital in Yemen, according to Cauthen. The hospital has opened Yemen to Christian witness for the first time in 1300 years, but the field is extremely isolated and imposes great demands on the missionaries.

Vietnam Needs Missionaries

"Vietnam is also crying for new missionaries," Cauthen said. Missionaries who worked there throughout the war now face unprecedented opportunity for expansion. Exhausted under the strain of changing condition, they are pleading for more evangelists to be appointed.

Once a missions volunteer is ready for his assignment, it costs an average of \$7,545 to get him to the field and support him for one year. This figure may be much higher in some countries.

Hopefully, prayer, offerings, and decisions for mission service will coincide to alleviate the most pressing needs of missionaries.

Home Missionaries Support Week Of Prayer

By Robert E. Bingham

ATLANTA — Almost all knowledgeable Southern Baptists become excited each year in December when the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is emphasized in their church. The 2,200 home missionaries are no exception.

While serving in all fifty of the United States, Panama, and Puerto Rico, they recognize the value of a strong foreign mission emphasis. Some have expressed the feeling that their home mission emphasis would die a little whenever any part of our foreign mission thrust might be cut back.

Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Mission Support Division, of the Foreign Mission Board, recently said, "Foreign missionaries know the importance of a strong missionary base here in America. They know the work made possible through the Annie Armstrong Offering will strengthen fledgling churches which will themselves undergird the larger task as they come of age."

"They know the Great Commission"

makes no distinction between the lost in America or the lost in Africa: the field is the world.

"Also, foreign missionaries know that missionary spirit is basically an

accelerating phenomenon. People moved to support home missions are a missionary people, and missionary people give to and support all mission endeavors."



14,000 Decisions In Korea

Dr. Gerald Martin, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College, above, preaches to more than 4,000 high school students in Seoul, Korea. Several hundred indicated they were accepting Christ as personal Saviour. Left to right at pulpit: Korean pastor, Choy; Missionary Rolla Bradley, and Dr. Martin. Dr. Martin recently participated in an evangelistic crusade in Seoul, where 14,000 decisions for Christ were made in 27 churches during a period of one week, four thousand of these in the church services. This Korean Crusade was under the direction of Missionaries O. K. Bozeman and Sam Choy, along with Korean Baptists and other missionaries. Southern Baptists, 175 strong, enlisted by World Evangelism Foundation and Dr. W. H. "Dub" Jackson, went into these 27 churches to witness, to testify, to pray, to love, to preach, to sing, and to be used of God as the Spirit of God impressed.

"Dial-A-Missionary" By Satellite

Church Enters Space Age; Henry Kissinger Applauds

By John Sailhamer

EL PASO (BP) — The missionary program of Scotsdale Baptist Church here has entered the space age and drawn the attention of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

A simple idea about missions resulted in a full-scale "Dial-A-Missionary" program of communicating with and learning about Southern Baptist missionaries via satellite transmission, according to Alf Skogness, the church's pastor.

Congratulations for the unique program have come from Kissinger, evangelist Billy Graham, Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, among others.

The workings are simple, Skogness said.

The church was equipped with a special "conference phone" installed by the telephone company and connected to its main public address system.

One Sunday morning per quarter during the morning service, Skogness phones a Southern Baptist missionary family in the country where they are working and chats with the missionary via satellite transmission.

The missionary tells of his work in the field, and the congregation, in turn, is able to encourage the missionary on the spot.

The first phone call initiating the "Dial-A-Missionary" program was made last October to Missionary Donald Richards in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Discussion involved the current world evangelism pilot program being conducted by Richards in Brazil.

"This caused our people to feel the need for a definite emphasis on world missions," Skogness said. "We will be calling Europe, the Orient and many other places as part of the project," he added.

The idea of communicating with missionaries via satellite transmission was conceived by Skogness as a way of more directly involving the Scotsdale congregation in missions. Skogness said the aim is to bring more realism into the present missions program of the church.

"The opportunity to confer with missionaries and churches abroad will also serve as a contribution of our interest in other people and their viewpoints on world issues," he said. Skogness said he hopes the idea will catch on in other churches.

Other missionaries to be called in coming "Dial-A-Missionary" service are the William Graves family in the Caribbean area and the Thomas S. Adkins family in Gaza, Skogness said.

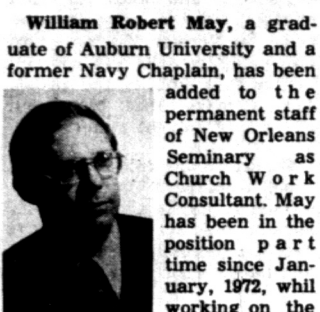
Names In The News



Mark Wilkinson shares the joy his speech and theater professor, Mary Evelyn Collins, experiences in seeing her story in print. Appearing in the *Playbill* magazine is a feature article on Carey's Street Theater, titled "A Street Theatre for Children." The "Playbill" article tells of five highly successful performances a Carey creative drama class and crew presented. The first effort took place five blocks from campus on a corner parking lot across from a housing project. The majority of the inhabitants in the area had had little or no exposure to live theatre. No special budget was allowed for the project, and less than twenty dollars was spent for the production.



Missoula, Mont.—If you're ever in a motel here, you may see Baptist pastor Bill Phillips on television—you also may get him when you call room service. Phillips, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Missoula gives an inspirational thought for practical Christian living on the program "Open Doors" which features Trinity Baptist Church Choir. This ministry began in March 1973, and the cable channel goes into 8,000 homes. Phillips also serves as chaplain-on-call for 14 motels in Missoula. — (HMB photo by Don Rutledge)



William Robert May, a graduate of Auburn University and a former Navy Chaplain, has been added to the permanent staff of New Orleans Seminary as Church Work Consultant. May has been in the position part time since January, 1972, while working on a doctor of ministry degree which he is scheduled to receive in December. He earned the master of theology degree from the seminary in 1968. As Church Work Consultant, May will serve as a liaison between churches seeking pastors and staff members and seminary students and alumni seeking positions.



West Laurel Church, Laurel recently presented Mrs. Charles Hilbun and her daughter, Mrs. Kay Shaw, with their 15-year perfect attendance pins. Every Sunday of the 15 years were attended at West Laurel Church. Rev. D. J. Benson is pastor.



Jean Gallagher Evans and June Gallagher Hornsby, twin sisters and both wives of Southern Baptist ministers, have recently received graduate degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi. At the summer graduation exercise, Mrs. Evans, who now resides in Shalimar, Florida, received the Master of Science degree in elementary education. Mrs. Hornsby, who now lives in Tyertown while her husband is overseas as chaplain in the Navy, received the Doctor of Education degree in curriculum development and reading and now teaches at the University of Southern Mississippi. Both are 1963 graduates of Mississippi College.



B. B. Stringer, pictured, has a perfect attendance in Sunday School for the past 18 years. Rev. C. Lonnie Earnest is the pastor at New Hope Church, Foxworth.

Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, professor at Blue Mountain College, was guest speaker at First Church, Clinton, Sunday evening, November 18. She taught the foreign mission study, *Passport to People*. Dr. Bill Baker is the Clinton pastor.

Seven students of Blue Mountain College have been chosen for listing in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* for 1973-74: Pam Wilcox, Fayette, Iowa; Joy Hurt, Memphis; Nona Kay Middleton, Eupora; Sarah Wofford, Drew; Cindy Rhodes, Richmond, Va.; Deborah Carter Sanders, Blue Mountain and New Albany; and June Higginbottom, West Palm Beach, Fla.



On November 18, North Greenwood Church licensed Roy Sylvester, left and Lynn Ricks, right, to preach. Roy is a salesman and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Sylvester, Sr. of Kosciusko. Lynn is a student in Mississippi Delta Junior College, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ricks of Greenwood. Rev. Walter Yeldell is pastor.



Dr. Elton Trueblood (left), one of the nation's foremost Christian writers and philosophers, spent three days at Mississippi College recently as guest lecturer in the Staley Distinguished Lecture Series. Here he gets in a discussion with several of the state's religious leaders following one of his afternoon lectures. From the left are Dr. Trueblood; Dr. Charles Davis, assistant professor of Bible at the college and interim pastor of First Church, Canton; Dr. David Vanlandingham, Jackson medical doctor and active Baptist layman; and Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of First Church, Picayune. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)

Bay Springs Church presented perfect attendance pins at the close of their church year. Pastor D. D. Satterwhite and Sunday School Director H. L. Neal made the presentations. Mrs. D. J. Dear, 17 year pin; D. J. Dear, 14 yr.; Mrs. D. D. Satterwhite, 14 yr.; Leon Evans, 14 yr.; Mrs. Lamar Evans, 7 yr.

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Who Is This Jesus? The Messiah Of Israel, The Son Of God

John 1:29-51; 10:22-39
By Clifton J. Allen

The Gospel of John is the simplest and most sublime answer to the question which is the topic of this lesson.



The writer of the Gospel selected his material with the specific purpose to show that Jesus was the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God. The eternal Word became flesh. Jesus was therefore the God-man, both di-

vine and human. John the Baptist, ordained of God to be the forerunner of Jesus, declared Jesus to be "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). The first disciples declared their conviction that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, and the King of Israel (John 1:41,49). As the Gospel record unfolds, repeated witness is given establishing the truth that Jesus came forth from the Father in heaven into the world to reveal God to men, to do the works of God, and to become the Savior of the world.

The Lesson Explained
THE ISSUE ABOUT JESUS (John 10:22-24)

It should be noted also that the time was the Feast of Dedication, also called the Festival of Lights. Jesus had confronted the religious leaders in Jerusalem and had declared that he was the Light of the world, that he came forth from God, that God was his Father, and that he existed before Abraham, even from eternity. But the religious leaders became increasingly hostile, even to the point of desiring to kill him, trying to bring about his arrest, and taking up stones

to cast at him (John 5:18; 7:44; 8:59). In spite of this, they gathered around Jesus in the Temple with hypocrisy and hatred — though some few may have earnestly sought the truth — to ask Jesus for a forthright answer. They really did not want truth. They wanted an answer which they could turn into an accusation.

JESUS' WITNESS ABOUT HIMSELF (John 10:25-30)

Jesus had answered the question posed by the Jews again and again. The works which he had done in his Father's name had borne witness to his being the Son of God. Jesus went on to say that their unwillingness to believe proved that they did not belong to his sheep. He identified his sheep as those who hear his voice and who follow him; that is, they hear with humble and trustful hearts, with willingness to obey, and with a commitment that means discipleship. In verse 28 we have one of the clearest statements in Scripture about the security of Christians. Our salvation depends not on our fidelity to Christ but on his faithfulness as our Savior. And yet it is the fact that we hear his voice and follow him that confirms that we are his indeed. Christians are God's gift to Christ, and they are kept in the power of the Father and the Son by the wonder of grace and for their glory. Then Jesus added, "I and my Father are one." Jesus could not claim more; he would not claim less. He was the Son of God on earth.

UNWILLING TO BELIEVE (John 10:31-39)

Jesus' answer to his enemies left without excuse. They had the light

"They say" usually means you and another gossip.

How you spend Christmas is more important than how much.

but would not believe in it. Since they would not believe Jesus, they took up stones to hurl at him; they would try to destroy him. When they charged him with blasphemy, Jesus referred them to a statement in Psalm 82, "Ye are gods." "Gods" really means judges. If judges could be called gods, why should it seem blasphemy for him, whom the Father had consecrated and sent into the world, to declare himself to be the Son of God. The crucial test, upon which Jesus was

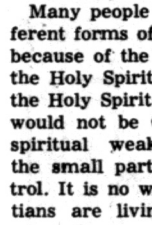
willing to stake his deity, was the works he had done declaring his oneness with the Father in heaven. His works were signs of the goodness of God and the power of God, and they were signs of Jesus' saving mission. Had the Jews been willing to believe, they would have known once for all and would have understood with increasing meaning the relationship of Jesus to his Father. Jesus recognized their efforts to bring about his arrest, but he escaped from them.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Life In The Spirit

John 14:16; Romans 8:1-27; Gal. 2:20
By Bill Duncan

"Nothing can compensate the church, or the individual Christian, for the lack of the Holy Spirit. What the full stream is to the mill-wheel, that is the Holy Spirit to the church. What the principle of life is to the body, that is the Holy Spirit to the individual. We shall stand powerless and abashed in the presence of our difficulties and our foes until we learn what He can be as a mighty tide of love and power in the hearts of His saints."



Many people are suffering from different forms of spiritual weakness, all because of the lack of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. They are not without the Holy Spirit; for if they were, they would not be Christians at all. The spiritual weakness is evidence of the small part he is allowed to control. It is no wonder that some Christians are living such defeated lives when they neglect the Holy Spirit.

Do you lack assurance of salvation?

Do you lack victory over sin?

Do you have the fruits of the Spirit such as peace, love and joy?

Do you lack power for service?

These and many other deficiencies would be met, if only Christians would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Pentecost has opened a new day for the weakest and meanest of the saints to possess Him.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF PROMISE

In John 14:16-18 Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples: "he shall give you another comforter." The words another comforter imply that Jesus Himself was a comforter, and the Holy Spirit is to be another such person, bringing God's blessing to our heart. The word comforter means "one called alongside of His ministry to watch over Christians and when they need special care to meet their need." Since he is always with them, they are never alone.

The world cannot receive the Spirit because "it seeth him not, neither knoweth him." In other words the world does not understand about the Spirit, and because of this lack of understanding, He can do nothing in the world.

There is only one condition required of a believer in Christ Jesus to have the comforter abiding in his heart in power and strength: He must understand who the Holy Spirit is and treat Him for what He is. If any person will honor Him and allow Him to enter, He will come into his heart. Enthroned there, He will show the believer the things that will strengthen his faith and incline his heart to obey the will of God.

What a marvelous thing it is to be a Christian. The sinner believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, and receives Him into his heart. God then adopts him as one of his children and sends the Holy Spirit, who makes the Father's will clear, leads the believer into the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PERSON OF THE SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is not just a concept but a Person. He is the Spirit of Christ and He has a lot to do with your life, according to Romans 8, especially if you're interested in living a Christian life and not just being "religious."

As a Christian, you have a battle on your hands in the choice between sin and obedience. First, let us get a good picture of the kind of war you're fighting. You are the battleground. The opposing forces are the Spirit and the self (human nature, ego). "These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control over us and our wishes are never free from their pressures" (Gal. 5:17). Second, you decide who will win each battle. If you want to be a victorious Christian you must decide and follow after the Spirit's leadership. Romans 8:5 says, "Those who let themselves be controlled by their lower nature live only to please themselves; but those who follow after the Holy Spirit find themselves doing those things that please God." When you please God, you are happier. Christ conquers sin and you win the battle.

First, Batesville Calls Partor

Rev. Robert E. Self has accepted the call of First Baptist Church, Batesville, effective December 7. He goes to Batesville from the pastorate of Emmanuel Church, Biloxi.

During the past two years, there were more than 300 additions to the church in Biloxi, with one-third of these by baptism. Records were set each year in both total gifts and mission gifts. Members and friends of the Emmanuel Baptist Church gave a reception in honor of the Selfs on Sunday afternoon, December 2.



Rev. and Mrs. Self are the parents of three children: Angie, Todd, and Jon Mark. Mrs. Self, the former Nancy Clower of Hillsboro and a graduate of Mississippi College, has taught school while in Biloxi. Mr. Self is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He has completed the academic requirements for the Doctor of Ministry at the seminary.

When Paul talks about walking and following after the Spirit, he suggests continuous action and motion. It is a daily choice, a daily commitment to follow the Spirit, or a daily surrender to pleasing the old me, the sinful self. The Holy Spirit lives in the Christian and is the source of spiritual strength and assurance. Christians may not allow the Holy Spirit to have His full influence and therefore grieve Him. The Holy Spirit will and can have the full influence in the life and this is the same as when the Bible speaks of Christ being Lord of the life.

The Holy Spirit does so much for the Christian. It is through the Holy Spirit that assurance of salvation is held. It is the abiding presence that gives the Christian hope of the resurrection. The Holy Spirit even prays for the Christian. The daily problems are no longer yours alone.

PRESENT REALITY OF THE SPIRIT

Gal. 2:20

"I am crucified with Christ" is the essence of spiritual joy and victory. Paul submitted his life to the Spirit of Christ, from the center out. When he did that, he began a new life in the Spirit. The self must be put to death by Christ. As long as the Ego is alive and powerful, man is in trouble. But by allowing the Spirit to daily keep the Ego from reigning, the Christian can live the kind of life that the fruit of the Spirit is shown.

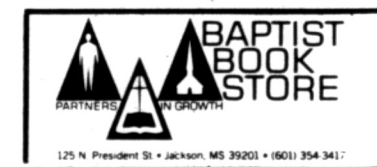
Jesus revealed this principle when He said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it" (Luke 9:24).

This fact and act is accomplished by the Holy Spirit. The natural self with all its motives, actions, corruptions, and wickedness has been crucified with Christ. The present reality of the new life is made possible by the Holy Spirit.

"Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;

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A Royal Ambassador missions fair conducted on the parking lot of Hernando Church utilizes booth presentations to share Royal Ambassador information to more than 300 participants.

RAs Stage Missions Fair

As a part of Royal Ambassador Week, Hernando Church of DeSoto County initiated a Royal Ambassador Missions Fair. The event was scheduled on Saturday, November 10, and an invitation was extended to other churches in the association to participate. Ten of the churches responded with an accumulated attendance of more than 300. The fair included booths featuring missions games, resource materials, curriculum materials, crafts and hobbies, advancement, plus a question and answer booth. The concluding activity, a Pine



Ron Heimbeck, Royal Ambassador leader at Hernando Church, presents trophy to Pine Wood Derby winner Bob Corkern, a Royal Ambassador of Hernando Church.



Royal Ambassador Bob Corkern operates informational booth sharing information regarding missionary education for boys.

Devotional

Fringe Benefits Of Missions

Matthew 28:19-20

By Charles Dampier, Pastor, Iuka Church

A number of years ago, my wife and I often had an early morning visitor. The four-year-old lad was from a poverty-stricken home, and he sometimes ate breakfast with us. One morning when he came my wife had grapes on the kitchen table, but breakfast was not ready. The little boy blurted out, "Say, I know what! Lets talk about grapes."



keeps us from being selfish.

Secondly, missions give us the right perspective of life. A third grader was instructed to write a paper on poverty. She wrote, "My mother is poor, my father is poor, my chauffeur is poor, my maid is poor." Obviously, she knew little about poverty. On the other hand, praying and sharing gives us the right perspective on life as we learn about the needs of people on mission fields.

Thirdly, missions give us a different view of man. After all, when you give to missions, the important thing is not the money but the person the missionary can reach. Man is the masterpiece of creation. Civilization, schools, institutions and even churches are but the scaffolds God uses to build men. Perhaps you have the problem of having too much money left at the end of the month. But let's do our best for the Lottie Moon mission cause.

FORT WORTH (BP)—Maj. Gen. Robert Preston Taylor, retired chief of chaplains of the U.S. Air Force, will retire Dec. 31 as director of development for Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here. The Southern Baptist chaplain, who came to Southwestern in 1966 after retiring from the Air Force, survived the infamous Bataan Death March, Hell Ships and Japanese prison camps of World War II.

Roosevelt and Churchill, having met off Newfoundland in two wars a few days earlier, issued joint statement on August 14, 1941 of eight war and peace aims their governments wished to pursue.

Missionaries On Furlough

The following missionaries are now on furlough in Mississippi. Any church or other group interested in contacting them for speaking engagements may do so at the address given.

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Morton Missions Continue To Progress

Great things are continuing to happen in the missions of East Morton, which minister to migrants. Special services are being planned at each of the three mission stations, with programs emphasizing the real meaning of Christmas.

The week of Nov. 12-17, a total of 160 were present at the three stations.

Nov. 15, 16, 17, revival services were held at Station No. 2, with an average nightly attendance of 55. Rev. Curtis Roland, pastor, East Morton, preached on Thursday evening. Rev. Bartis Harper, pastor of First, Morton, preached Friday and Saturday evenings. Many decisions were made public. Six adults made public professions of faith and were baptized the following Sunday.

Rev. Alton Fagan, student at Clarke College, is mission pastor. Through his leadership the people are becoming involved, taking a real personal interest in themselves, the mission stations, and the work in general. (Ninety children attended the Halloween activities.)

One of the East Morton members states, "As we enter the season when our interest is focused on missions, we join with the mission workers throughout the world in soliciting your prayers and concern for this commitment."

Anyone desiring to become involved through participation or contributions may address inquiries to East Morton Baptist Mission Fund, Box 144 Morton, Ms. 39117.

IBADAN, Nigeria — Over three thousand decisions to follow Christ were recorded in evangelistic services while hundreds of other commitments were made in army camps, schools and prisons during a three week crusade here. Planned by the Nigerian Baptist Convention, the Ibadan campaign was one of 17 in major cities across Nigeria in a year-long effort by Nigerian Baptists to share Jesus Christ with their fellow countrymen.

Oak Hill Calls Pastor

Rev. Chester Estes, Jr. has accepted the call to become pastor of Oak Hill Church, Poplarville. He moves from the pastorate of Antioch Church in Rankin Association.

In the three years at Antioch, Mr. Estes led the church in construction of a new auditorium and two-story education unit valued at \$125,000. The church, borrowing only \$50,000 and raising \$75,000 from among the membership, will owe less than \$16,000 in January 1974. Construction was started in September 1970, and the church was ready for service in March 1971.



While at Antioch, he led the church in a Community Survey listing every home, family, and individual so that the church might provide a total ministry to the community. He also led the Bible Teaching Program to departmentalize for more effective Bible teaching. He led the church to adopt the rotation system of committee work which provides an opportunity for all members to share in the ministries of the church.

Mr. Estes has also pastored churches in Newton, Pontotoc, Chickasaw, and Lauderdale counties. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Estes, Sr. of Ocean Springs, and is married to the former Shirley Gomillion of Union.

Many people are in debt because they spend what their friends think they make.

Smith Association To Sponsor Mid-Winter Bible Conference

A Mid-Winter Bible Conference sponsored by the Smith County Baptist Association will be held January 20-23 at Raleigh Church.



Dr. Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, will lead "Studies in Hosea." Dr. V. L. Stanfield, professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary, will teach "Great Doctrines in the Book of Acts."

Dr. B. Gray Allison, president, Mid-America Seminary, Little Rock, Ark., will deliver the inspirational messages.

The event will open Sunday night and continue through Wednesday



Mother And Daughters Study At Blue Mtn.

Seated, center, is Mrs. Lynwood Garner of Ripley, a freshman at Blue Mountain College, for evening classes in business education. In the same classes are her two daughters, Mary Alice Garner, freshman, right, and Mrs. Dianne Garner Hall, left, senior. The class attended by Mrs. Garner and her daughters is advanced typewriting Mrs. Edd A. Conner, standing back, center is instructor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain: fall revival; one of the most effective revivals in the history of the church named in honor of General and Mrs. M. P. Lowrey, co-founders of Blue Mountain College; Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor; Rev. Allen Celoria, Temple Church, Hattiesburg, music director for the revival; Rev. Billy Smith, formerly of Blue Mountain, now pastor of Trinity Church, Memphis, evangelist.



night. Conferences will begin each evening at 7. Also morning conferences will be held, beginning at 10 a.m. Mon., Tuesday and Wednesday. Provisions are being made for a Children's Division at the night session.

Rev. Charlie Bryant, superintendent of missions, Smith County Association, is director of the conference.

Clarksdale Former Pastors Return To Mark 75th Year

Thanksgiving week, Clarksdale Church paused to look back on 75 years of service, growth and Christian fellowship. November 18 through 21 was dedicated to an anniversary celebration.

At the Sunday morning service, the church bell choir, hidden in the balcony, gave its first public performance. The message was brought that morning by Rev. Lucius B. Marion, pastor.

In 1898, eight Baptists in Clarksdale met and formed a little church under the pastorate of Rev. A. L. O'Brian. In the intervening years, 16 pastors have served that church, more than the number of charter members. It has changed its location once, moving across First Street to its present site, where it has undertaken three building programs. The spiritual descendants of those eight charter members now number 1,378.

Three former pastor and Mr. Marion led the services on successive evenings of the anniversary observances. Sunday evening, Dr. James A. Stewart of Black Mountain, North Carolina, preached. Now retired, he pastored Clarksdale from 1942 to 1944.

A native of Northern Ireland, Dr. Stewart was a Baptist preacher from 1930 through 1953, and has also been a teacher of philosophy. He still flies to England every summer to teach classes at Oxford.

Monday night Clarksdale welcomed the return of Rev. and Mrs. C. Carman Sharp. Mr. Sharp brought the message that night. The pastor of Deer Park Church in Louisville, Ky., he pastored the Clarksdale church from 1954 through 1961. Born in Savannah, Tenn., he grew up in Corinth, Miss.

The Happy Side Singers, Clarksdale Church's youth folk group, presented special music that evening.

Dr. F. K. Horton, who pastored the church from 1944 to 1953, preached Tuesday night. Dr. Horton was born and reared in Glenmora, Louisiana. He left Clarksdale Church to help form Clarksdale's Oakhurst church, of which he was the pastor until his retirement last summer.

The Ladies' Trio of Oakhurst Church brought the special music on Tuesday night.

The celebration concluded Wednesday evening with a churchwide fellowship supper.

Pastor Marion spoke at the covered dish supper. He has pastored Clarksdale since 1961. Born in Clinton, South Carolina, he is president of the Clarksdale Ministerial Association.

Chairman of Evangelism and Moderator for Riverside Association, and a trustee of Memphis Baptist Memorial Hospital and of Clarke College.

The Clarksdale Church Trio presented special music at the supper. Raymond Sankey was general chairman for the festivities and the church's minister of music and education, Troy Sandifer, Jr., was in charge of music.

Mrs. F. H. Cannon, teacher of the church's T.E.L. Sunday School class, wrote Clarksdale Church's history in a three-part chronicle which was printed in pamphlet form and available for sale during the celebration.

Center Terrace Sanctuary Renovation Begins

Sunday morning, November 18, the L. L. Sams Company from Waco, Texas, church renovation specialists, presented plans for proposed renovation of the sanctuary of Center Terrace Church, Canton. The church voted to enter into contract with the company for the renovation which began November 26, to be concluded by Christmas Eve.

The Church Redecorating Committee had been in conference with the Sams Company for several months discussing the needed changes to help beautify the present sanctuary.

Trustees of the church were authorized to borrow the required money and sign contract for \$67,750. This work will involve a radical renovation of the interior of the building including carpeting, new padded pews, faceted glass windows, speaker system, chandeliers, extensive chancel alterations, and the enclosure of a class room and bride's room.

The Redecorating Committee includes Mrs. Rita Graham, Mrs. Inez Vinson, Ed Perry, Douglas Rasberry, and John Christopher, chairman. Rev. David Myers is the pastor.

Marriage entitles women to the protection of strong men who steady the stepladder for them while they paint the kitchen ceiling.

—The Wall Street Journal

The toughest part of a diet isn't watching what you eat; it's watching what your friends eat. — Prevention Magazine.

Off The Record

And then there was the preacher who filed his bills in a file labeled "Due unto others."

I shall love to share all your troubles. But, darling, I have none. No, but I mean when we're married.

Why were you late this morning? Because of the alarm clock. Everybody in the house got up but me. Why was that?

Well, there are eight of us and the clock was set for only seven.

Who is the boss in your house? Well, of course, my wife assumes command of the child, the servants, the dog, the cat, and the parakeet. But I can say pretty much whatever I please to the goldfish.

Nurse: You've just been presented with twins.

Absent minded professor: Well, don't tell my wife, I want to surprise her.

Called To Philadelphia

Rev. Grady M. Collins, who is completing work on the master of divinity degree at New Orleans Seminary, recently became pastor of Trinity Church in Philadelphia.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Collins of Metter, Ga., he is a graduate of the University of Georgia. He is married to the former Doris Moore of Elberton, Ga. and they have four children: Melanie, 13, Glenda, 11, Susan, 9, and Mark, 6.

Mrs. Collins is also a graduate of the University of Georgia and has taught in the public schools of Georgia and Louisiana.

Collins has pastored churches in Waynesboro, Miss. and in Elberton, Pulaski, and Hagan, Ga.

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